

Carlos Manuel Cárdenes - Bio

Carlos Manuel Cárdenes was born in Havana, Cuba and lives in Miami, Florida since 1961.

Cárdenes has been engaged in art photography, alongside his 35-year commercial photography career. Early exposure to the film and television industry formed the underpinnings of Carlos Manuel's personal style; at once direct and immediate and informed by a sense of the dramatic in lighting and choice of subject. "I credit the influence of my uncle, a TV and cinema director, with priming my curiosity for the beauty in the novel and grand, as well as in the commonplace and even the vulgar... taking pictures may be an art, but seeing is everything."

He provides a compelling case for capturing the essence of the subjects he photographs, always patiently waiting for that decisive moment when the core of his theme drifts up into view.

Selected Exhibits:

- MAC Fine Art Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2014
- The Americas Collection, Coral Gables, FL 2014
- Gallery of Contemporary Art, Colorado Springs, CO; Cuba & Other Considerations: The Art of Carlos Cárdenes, 2014
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO; 2012
- Sangre de Cristo Art Center, Pueblo, CO; Cuba Transnational, 2011
- Freedom Tower, FACES 100 Cuban Artists, Miami, FL; 2010
- Rodez Gallery, Coconut Grove, FL; 2010
- The Americas Collection, Coral Gables, FL; 2009
- Colby Gallery, Chicago, IL; 2009
- ARTSoBay, Deering Estate, Miami, FL; 2008
- Borders Art Gallery, Miami, FL; 2008
- Books and Books, Coral Gables, FL; 2007
- Coral Gables Public Library, Coral Gables, FL; 2005
- Zulema Rodríguez Galerías, Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico; 2004
- Razor, New York, NY; 2002