



Education Guide

June 30 – September 24, 2023

Souls Shot Portrait Project

Opening Reception:

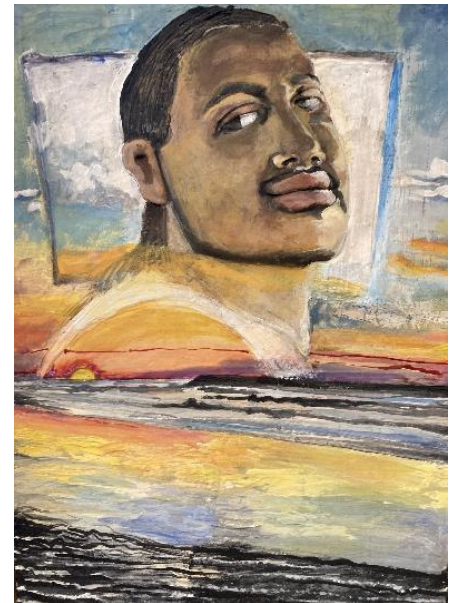
Saturday, July 8, 2023

1-3 pm

About the Exhibition:

The Souls Shot Portrait Project is an emotionally charged art exhibit that seeks to address the urgent issue of [gun violence](#) through the profound language of art.

This transformative exhibition serves as a platform for both grieving families and talented artists to collaborate, creating deeply personal and evocative portraits that honor the lives lost to gun violence. The gallery space is transformed into a solemn and reflective environment, where the collective pain and resilience of those affected by gun violence are given a voice. Each portrait represents an individual whose life was tragically cut short, humanizing the [statistics](#), and reminding visitors of the profound impact gun violence has on families, communities, and society as a whole.



*Angel by the Sea Portrait of
Angel Montes by Jacqueline Sandro*

Curator's Statement:

Laura Madeleine, Executive Director, and Curator states:

"To create these portraits, artists participating in this Project were randomly paired with families and friends of victims. The artists meet with the families and friends and get to know who the person was in life through photographs, videos, mementos, and the all-important stories. The artists then set out to illuminate the lives of these loved ones. The varied approaches and mediums used by the artists are a fitting testament to the unique qualities of each of the souls portrayed.

On behalf of all those who participated in creating this exhibition, we hope you will be moved by the images and that you will get to know the depth of these unique human beings; our kindred souls."

The project started in Philadelphia, PA, in 2016, and over the years, the exhibitions have included talented artists throughout the years. This year they are showing three separate exhibitions; one traveling in the city of Philadelphia, one in the state Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey. Around the past pandemic-challenged months, as the Souls Shot Portrait Project has grown, they have welcomed participation from all around the country.

The goal of souls shot portrait project is to present diverse works that in some way relay graphically, or though narrative, the essence of the person being portrayed. The special power of portraits can awaken the souls and have a tremendous impact on people who view them. We hope that this effort will continue to bring some happiness and serenity to the families and friends of the victims and, by drawing attention to the scourge of gun violence in this way, be a call to action to everyone who sees them.

For more information on Souls Shot Portrait Project please visit the following:

Website: <https://www.soulshotportraitproject.org/>

Social Media-

Facebook: @soulshotportraitproject

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