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Compelling and insightful photograph exhibition portraying Indian transgender Hijra community

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Coinciding with the Photo London fair this week, Albumen Gallery - internationally renowned for its programme of curated online exhibitions - launches a new extensive online exhibition featuring the work of American photographer Monique Relova. The exhibition 'Sridevi and Friends' features a collection of extraordinary images portraying a southern Indian transgender Hijra community. The exhibition, which will run until July 15th, can be accessed via <https://albumen-gallery.com/exhibitions/>.

Albumen Gallery (<http://www.albumen-gallery.com>) is delighted to have been chosen by American photographer Monique Lerova for exhibiting her photography in the online exhibition 'Sridevi and Friends - Portrait of a Hijra Community'.

In 2006 California based photographer Monique Relova spent time with a transgender community near Bangalore in southern India. This resulted in the project 'Sri Devi and Friends'.

In many western countries the discussion of transgender rights is very topical - the last frontier in the battle for equal rights. In South Asia, particularly Pakistan, India and Bangladesh Hijras are officially recognised as third gender. In fact, Hijras have a recorded history on the Indian subcontinent going back to antiquity.

After overcoming initial hurdles of acceptance as an outsider Monique Relova was accepted by the community and gained their trust. This allowed her to photograph them in their daily life. Monique Relova's portraits convey an overriding sense of pride maintained despite the many challenges and struggles Sridevi and Friends face on a daily basis.

Albumen Gallery is a London based fine art photography gallery and dealer specialising in 20th century and contemporary photography. Albumen Gallery responds to shifting trends in how photographic art is experienced and increasingly also purchased. In a world where online immediacy and global availability become accepted and expected Albumen Gallery is constantly developing the format and features of online exhibitions as an accepted platform for exhibiting art.



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