

Artist Statement

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Childhood

The series of photographs captured between 2017 and 2020 is not just a documentary but also a journey through the childhood world of two beloved elves and my own memories. I embarked on an adventure with the camera, aiming to immortalize the growth of my children, and thus, frames were created that constitute a blend of reality and imagination.

In these pictures, I strive to capture the magical world of childhood, where reality intertwines with fantasy. It's a place where creatures from under the bed come to life, and shadows become wonderful playmates. I aspire to touch both the magic and reality that can be both frightening and enchanting in a child's imagination.

My photographs not only document the development of the little ones but also transport the viewer into a realm of nostalgia and memories from my own childhood. I want each picture to be not just an image but a narrative that connects the past with the present, and imagination with reality.

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