

Rafael Soldi

EDUCATION

2005-2009 **Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Baltimore, MD**
B.F.A Photography & Curatorial Studies

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2011 *Preview Of New Photographic Works*, Photo Center NW, Seattle, WA
2009 Thesis Exhibition: *The Point At Which*, Main Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2009 DANCERS: REVISITED, The Clothing Warehouse, Baltimore, MD
2008 *Portraits of A Dancer*, Woodward Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2007 *Works by Rafael Soldi*, Sparks Filling Station, Baltimore, MD

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2012 *Under The Rainbow*, Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA
2012 *Push*, G. Gibson Gallery, Seattle, WA
2012 *Author and Subject: Contemporary Queer Photography*, Photo Center NW, Seattle, WA
2012 *Pacific Northwest Photography Viewing Drawers*, Blue Sky Gallery, Portland, OR
2011 *SUJETO / PREDICADO*, Galeria Vertice, Lima, Peru
2011 *Long Shot 2011*, Photo Center NW, Seattle, WA
2011 *About Face*, Gallery 339, Philadelphia, PA
2010 *One Hour Photo*, American University Museum, Washington, D.C.
2010 *Face and Figure*, Daniel Cooney Fine Art (online), New York, NY
2010 *SULTRY II*, Kris Graves Projects, New York, NY
2010 *ONWARD '10, Project Basha*, Philadelphia, PA
2009 *Picturing Home*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
2009 *Academy 2009*, Conner Contemporary Art, Washington, D.C.
2008 *Emerging Artists Auction*, Daniel Cooney Fine Art, New York, NY
2008 *Group Show #25*, Humble Arts Foundation, New York, NY
2008 *The Body in Photography*, Main Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2008 *Art Nonstop*, Load Of Fun Gallery, Baltimore, MD
2007 *Art & Commerce Exhibition*, Baltimore Center Club, Baltimore, MD
2007 *Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibition*, Baltimore's City Hall, Baltimore, MD
2006 *Metamorphosis*, Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD

AWARDS

2011 Critical Mass, Photolucida, Finalist
2009 F. Grainger Marburg Traveling Fellowship, Finalist
2009 Sidney Lake Award for Student Leadership
2008 AIGA Worldstudio Scholarship, Finalist
2008 Leonard L. Greif, Jr. Scholarship in Photography
2008 MICA Photography Department Recognition Scholarship
2007 MICA Emerging Leader Award
2007 MICA Photography Department Recognition Scholarship
2006 William Ferguson Merit Scholarship
2005-2009 MICA Talent Grant

PUBLICATIONS

- 2011 Identities Now: Contemporary Portrait Photography
- 2010 PCNW Annual Publication, Photo Center NW
- 2010 PDNedu, Interview & Image, Spring 2010 Issue
- 2009 International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam 2009 Catalog
- 2009 PDNedu, *Storytellers (Portfolio feature)*, Spring 09 Issue
- 2009 Juried MICA Photography Book
- 2009 Juxtapositions, Commencement 2009
- 2009 *Follies, Predicaments and Other Conundrums: The Works of Laure Drogoul*, Exhibition Catalog
- 2008 Juried MICA Photography Book
- 2007 Gutter Magazine, *Black is Beautiful*, November Issue
- 2007 Juried MICA Photography Book
- 2005 Portico Student Magazine
- 2005 Best of College Photography Annual

OUTREACH

- 2011 *Photography Mentor*, Young Photographers Alliance Mentoring Program (ASMP), Seattle, WA
- 2011 *Photography Instructor & Program Facilitator*, Youth Media Corps, Seattle, WA
- 2010 *Volunteer Photography Teacher*, SBOC/Club Photo, Seattle, WA
- 2010 *Program Facilitator*, ARC Photojournalism Internship, Seattle, WA
- 2008 *Peer Career Advisor*, Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Career Development, Baltimore, MD

CURATORIAL

- 2010 **HAITI RELIEF BENEFIT PRINT SALE, New York, NY**

Conceived, developed and launched a widely successful photography non-profit enterprise to benefit the victims of the Haiti earthquake in less than 24 hours. Oversaw the project from beginning to completion and managed a team of volunteers, contributors, donors and vendors. Rallied 25 accomplished photographers from around the world and successfully pursued donations by 5 large corporations whose products and services supported an organized infrastructure that facilitated the sale of photographs, raising \$10,000 within 48 hours of the occurrence of the tragedy.
- 2010 **Select Gender, Farmani Gallery, New York, NY**

An exhibition curated by Rafael Soldi at Farmani Gallery in Dumbo, Brooklyn. Select Gender presents a selection of photographic works revolving around the themes of gender identity, self-awareness and gender-specific culture. Whether they are discussing their own identity or that of others, this diverse group of emerging photographers shows us different aspects gender roles in mainstream America. Select Gender seeks to give these artists a chance to question, address or embrace contemporary ideals of gender, sexuality and self-image.
- 2008-09 **Wilgus Gallery, Baltimore, MD**

Directed and revitalized MICA's Photography Wilgus Gallery. Set and exercised a clear mission statement and curatorial vision to provide emerging photographers with exhibition opportunities and professional development workshops. Directed a curatorial staff of five in managing and carrying out all curatorial and administrative aspects of the gallery.
- 2008-09 **Follies, Predicaments and Other Conundrums: The works of Laure Drogoul, Baltimore, MD**

Participated in the planning and execution of Laure Drogoul's massive retrospective exhibition at the Maryland Institute College of Art. Defined the visual identity and produced cohesive exhibition graphics, web and printed material that carried the visual identity. Collaborated with other Exhibition Development teams in timely completion and installation of the exhibition.