



ANDRAS IKLADI

PHOTOGRAPHER

Andras Ikladi (b. 1978, Hungary) is a photographer whose practice operates between documentary observation and a deliberately lyrical, book-centred authorship.

Following two decades as a visual-effects artist on major international films—earning industry awards—he shifted exclusively to photography in 2022, pursuing a more personal mode of expression. His practice stems from a dedication to observation and curiosity shaped by living in nearly a dozen countries and a transcontinental motorcycle expedition.

Working on the edges of street photography, Ikladi uncovers surrealism in the mundane, exploring latent fears and dualistic undercurrents. His process begins with serendipitous fieldwork, progressing through intuitive capture, sustained engagement, and meticulous editing. Images are sequenced to evoke implied narratives and “third effects,” fostering viewer-driven interpretations. Non-linear yet cohesive, this method mirrors his nomadic travels; he advances multiple projects simultaneously, rarely shooting outside them, and favours photobooks for their controlled pacing and tactility.

To date, Ikladi has created seven photobooks, including *Citramarine*, *The Floating World*, *Incubus*, *Undercurrents*, *Crows Nest*, and *BLACKOUT*, with *Jamais Vu* in progress.

Solo exhibitions include *RANDOM* Gallery, Budapest (*Citramarine*, 2024), and *Place M* Gallery, Tokyo (*The Floating World*, 2026). Selected group shows span multiple countries from Hungary, the United States, to China and Singapore.

His work features in *Leica Fotografie International*, *L'Œil de la Photographie*, and print publications; his work was presented at the *Arles Book Fair* (2025), *Budapest Photo Festival*, and holds memberships in the *Association of Hungarian Photographers* and *Photographic Society of Singapore*.

Through photobooks and a project-oriented approach, Ikladi transforms personal exploration into reflective visual poetry, revealing the uncanny in the everyday.

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Solo Exhibitions

- 2026 *The Floating World* @ Place M Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
2024 *Citramarine* @ RANDOM Gallery, Budapest, Hungary

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Masks* @ Southeast Center of Photography, Greenville, United States
Photographic Visions — Autumn 2025 @ PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
Photographic Visions — Spring 2025 @ PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
Shadow Images @ Tornyai J. Museum, Hódmezővásárhely, Hungary
中匈链影 @ Beijing, China
X.Lion City International Salon @ Singapore
2024 *中华人民共和国国庆节* @ Embassy of China, Budapest, Hungary
Láncszemek @ Chinese Cultural Center, Budapest, Hungary
Out of the Ordinary @ PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
Shape @ PH21 Gallery, Budapest, Hungary

Books / Dummies

- 2025 *The Floating World* (Dummy III)
2023 *Citramarine* (Dummy)
Incubus (Dummy I)
Undercurrents (First edition of 5)
Midnight Eclipse (Dummy)
2022 *BLACKOUT* (First edition of 5)
2021 *Crows Nest* (First edition of 5)

Selected Publications

- 2025 *Masks — Exhibition Catalogue*, Southeast Center of Photography
Tropical Stoemp #05: You Want it Darker, Le Mulet
2024 *BPF 2024 — Festival Catalogue*, Budapest Photo Festival

Press / Features

- 2026 *Metropolis Japan*
Tokyo Live & Exhibits
2025 *L'Enfant Sauvage BXL*
The Tokyo Times
2024 *L'Œil de la Photographie*
2023 *Leica Fotografie International (LFI)*, Leica Camera AG
Wonderz of Photography
2022 *No Ordinary Eyes*

Art Fairs

- 2025 Arles Book Fair, France
2024 Budapest Photo Festival, Hungary

Education

- 2025 Curator in Contemporary Art, SKVOT
2022 Concept Aware Workshop, Sybylla J. Smith
2016 Seeing Through Images, Museum of Modern Art
Darkroom Printing, Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Singapore
2015 Photobook Workshop, Zhuang Wubin, Malaysia
Photobook Workshop, Invisible Photographer Asia, Singapore
2004 Assistant Camera, Hungarian Society of Cinematographers

Professional Organisations

Association of Hungarian Photographers (MFSZ)
Photographic Society of Singapore (PSS1950)

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CITRAMARINE

2021-2023



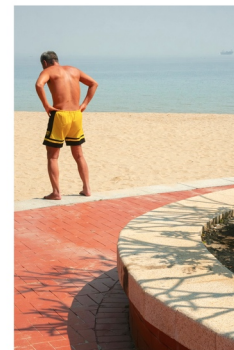
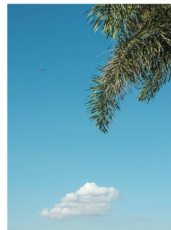
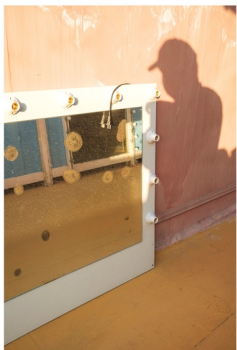
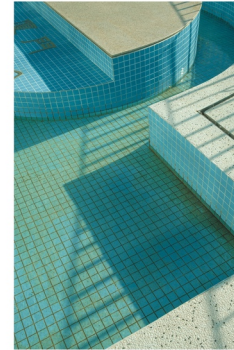
"Azurite was also called citramarine, suggesting its origins on the near side of the sea."

— Stella Paul, art historian

Andras Ikladi's photographic exploration of colour commenced when he arrived in the subtropical city of Xiamen, South China. Previously preferring the abstract reality of high contrast and grainy black-and-white photography, he found himself irresistibly pulled into this new dimension, resulting in his first body of work using colour: Citramarine.

Exploring the complexities of light and its interplay with colour unveils their psychological influence. Tropical hues possess a unique potency to evoke emotions, shape narratives, and even alter moods. The warm embrace of tropical light triggers profound responses within the human psyche. The combined result is a visceral connection to a space, where the interplay of light and colour reaches into the depths of human experience.

Citramarine is a realm beyond visual perception.

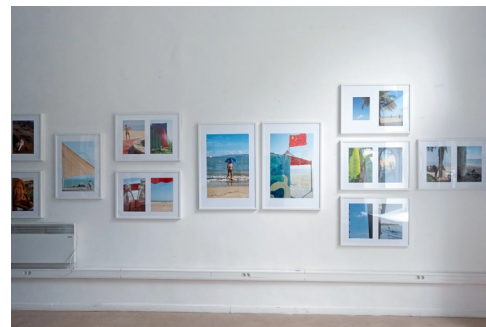




Citramarine

YEAR	2023
EDITION	Dummy
FORMAT	9.5" x 12.7"
PAGES	104 pages, 87 photographs
BINDING	Perfect bound, softcover





Citramarine @ RANDOM Gallery

LOCATION Budapest, Hungary

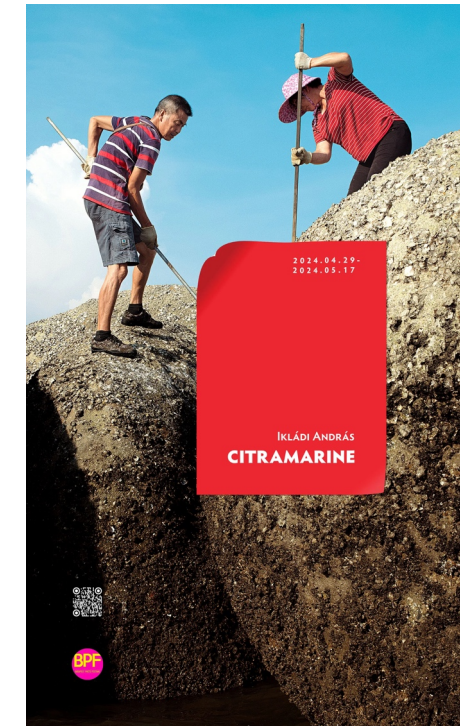
DATES 22 April 2024
17 May 2024

CURATOR Szilvia Mucsy

ALSO EXHIBITED AT:

Photographic Visions — Autumn 2025
PH21 Gallery, Budapest
2025

X.Lion City International Salon
Singapore, Singapore
2025



For the longest time, I have felt that I am here — whether in this particular incarnation or in a singular life, to learn, discover, and experience. This principle has taken me through various domains, from engineering and a love of motorcycles to filmmaking and, ultimately, photography. Over the years, I have lived on four continents, in nearly a dozen countries (I've already lost count), and travelled halfway around the world on a motorcycle.

My photographic practice reflects an ongoing journey. After two decades as a visual effects artist on major Hollywood productions, I was searching for a fresh, more personal form of expression. Photography emerged not just as a new medium but as a deeply personal exploration — an extension of a lifelong practice of observation.

Driven to discover my leitmotifs — the surrealism inherent in everyday life, fears and the dualistic undercurrents beyond surface appearances — I often operate on the fringes of street photography. As the process unfolds, I adopt a more subjective stance, transitioning towards a reflective, elliptic, and lyrical perspective. Editing becomes a crucial step, enriching the initial concept with personal meaning through reinterpretation.

Over time, I have arrived at the photobook as my preferred medium. It offers a nuanced form of artistic expression, allowing me to set the context, guide the unfolding of a theme through sequencing, and engage with the tactile and design aspects of the finished piece.

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