



Portraits of lgbt+ people

Curated by Lino Garibaldi

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“With the removal of *Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell* in 2010 and the legalization of same-sex marriage in 2015 by the Supreme Court, LGBT+ people scored a number of important victories in the United States. However, in our attempt to respond to the edifice of normativity, queer people paid a price. Our fight for the acknowledgement of diversity and the creation of a world of authentic social justice has been greatly compromised in our struggle to gain acceptance by society. We came close to believe that bills like hate legislation would protect us from homophobia and discrimination.

Orlando was a wake-up call.

Portraits adds to the efforts of queer artists and intellectuals who point at the shortcomings of the supposed efforts by power and the media to make queer people visible because they still—often deliberately—leave a lot of us in the dark. Drawing from thinkers like Audre Lorde, we miss the mark if we settle for the mere tolerance of differences, instead of securing their place as *necessary polarities* that contribute positively to the creation of cultural, material and intellectual capital, as well as the transformation of reality.”

Following reflections from arts-based research authors and methodologies, Lino Garibaldi adopts multiple approaches to portraiture. In this series of paintings, he explores queer people’s identities using traditional media, and invites them to make their own portraits using the spoken word. Portraits is another contribution to foster understanding and allow for meaningful conversations between people within a broader spectrum of human sexuality.

Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday 8am-4pm Free to the public every day

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