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VICKI DASILVA

Lumen Lineation

September 7 to October 19, 2018

On September 07, 2018, SL Gallery presents *Lumen Lineation*, an exhibition of photography by artist **VICKI DASILVA** in New York City.

At their core, the photographs focus on drawing with light within a landscape while walking the topography of a space whether indoors or outdoors. The process takes into account the entirety of the terrain from the light of the sky, lighting of the surrounding space, and the residual light emanating from the fluorescent lamps. There is a temporality and performative aspect to Vicki's work that becomes apparent during the action of making the photographs. This sometimes leads to chance encounters with spectators who become random and unplanned participants.

The works do not have any deeper conceptual meaning than their immediate aesthetic impact, though, for Vicki, looking back at her body of work today evokes an intimate shared experience of making work as a couple. Since 1987, every photo was made in collaboration with her husband Antonio: Vicki as the creator and Antonio as the technician. These moments have become more personally meaningful over time because they exist as memories of a lifelong partnership.

Vicki was born in 1960 in Bethesda, Maryland and began making time exposure photographs in 1980 during her undergraduate fine art studies at Kutztown University. Vicki experimented with time exposures through trial and error, coining the early photographs, 'light graffiti'. As the work evolved she began to use 4ft and eventually 8ft fluorescent lamps to make light paintings and has continued to use this medium along with a variety of hand held fluorescent lamps for her light graffiti text works.

Recent exhibitions and projects include Allentown X 7: Photographic Explorations, Allentown Art Museum (2016-2017); Interference, International Light Art Project, Tunis (2016); and East River Flows, NYC Art in the Parks (2015). In March 2015 during UNESCO's International Year of Light, Vicki partnered with the humanitarian organization Oxfam International in London's Trafalgar Square to create and donate her signature work to raise awareness and shine a light on the 4th anniversary of the tragic Syrian conflict. In 2012 Vicki was the solo winner of the international competition Art Takes Times Square and sequentially her work was featured in the Times Square Midnight Moment art program.

This marks Vicki DaSilva's first solo exhibition with the Gallery. *Lumen Lineation*, at 335 West 38th Street, remains on view through October 19, 2018. For further information, please contact Tony Long at the Gallery, or visit our website www.sl.gallery/