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On March 24, 2020, as COVID started to spread, San Antonians were ordered to Stay Home and Work Safe. Using a long lens, I photographed about 140 families on (or near) their porches over the weeks that followed. Prints from this collection were on display in an exhibit at Blue Star Arts Complex, that was part of FOTOSEPTIEMBRE 2022.

My personal goal is to serve as a community builder. As the world we knew shut down, confining and separating us, I wanted to do what I could to keep people connected. As an introvert, I have long utilized my camera as an intermediary between myself and others. This habit was useful during the porch photo sessions, as my camera gave me an opportunity to connect with others from a safe distance and also capture an unprecedented moment in modern history.

In addition to portraying a diverse cross-section of San Antonians —including medical professionals, educators, business leaders, journalists, politicians, and artists— I also wanted to show the wide variety of dwellings we choose. These porches, like the many pets that show up in my photographs, are essential characters in this story.

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Angela Martinez is a photographer, event planner, avid traveler, and mother. In 2003, she co-founded Slab Cinema with her husband Rick. Since then, they have shown thousands of free outdoor movies in public venues throughout San Antonio. They recently opened a new indoor arthouse cinema and gallery space at Blue Star Arts Complex.

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SHIMI, MARY AND THE ALVARADO BROTHERS



ANNE



ANTHONY THE POET



KIMBERLY AND MARK



CAKKY



CHRIS AND HIS KIDS



LA FAMILIA CRUZ



ALISON, CRAIG AND OWEN



THE DOMINGUEZ FAMILY



PATRICIA AND JD



RAIN



JACINTO



AMY AND HER KIDS



JUDY



THE BINGHAM BLUMBERG FAMILY



KELLY AND HER KIDS



THE LEWAND FAMILY



THE MAMMEN FAMILY



JENNY, SCOTT, HARRIET AND LYDA



ANGELA, RICK, FELICE AND WILEY



ERIKA, MAYOR RON AND THEIR CHILD



CELIA, OLLIN AND JOAQUIN



MIKE AND JOSE



THE NEWMAN FAMILY



TRACEY AND SANFORD



DAVID AND JONATHAN



MISS OLIVIA, LISA, ODIE., FRED AND KENJI



LETICIA, SOPHIA AND THEIR CHILD



REBEL, ZÖE AND MERCURY



RICK AND CHRIS



THE SCHWEERS FAMILY



THE SIEGEL FAMILY



SONIA AND HER KIDS



CELINA, MICHAEL, ALEJO AND AMERICO



JEN, DAN AND LILY



THREE GENERATIONS, TWO FAMILIES: THE SAATKAMPS AND THE TAYLORS



TRACY, JOHN AND THEIR KIDS



REGGIE, TRAVIS AND THEIR CHILD



TRISH AND RUDY



YOLANDA AND ALEJANDRO

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