

## Profile

Andargé Asfaw is a photographer and educator. His powerful portraits and luminous landscapes have been exhibited in several national and international exhibitions, and are held in private collections worldwide.

Andargé maintains a commercial photography studio, F/STOP STUDIO, in the Washington, D.C. area and teaches photography in the metropolitan D.C. area. Andargé brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom and is a highly effective, innovative instructor.

Andargé's photography book, *Ethiopia from the Heart*, was released in June 2007. *Ethiopia from the Heart* is a profound visual essay, exhibiting the striking splendor of nature and its inextricable link to faith and culture. *Ethiopia from the Heart* book sales support tree-planting projects in Ethiopia. The book project spawned a non-profit organization, Canopy Ethiopia, dedicated to the facilitation of environmental stewardship in Ethiopia.

## Business

- Mechale Publishing, Fine Art Photography; Owner 2007-Present
- F/STOP STUDIO, Silver Spring, Maryland; Commercial Photography, Partner 1985-Present

## Teaching

- Washington-Alexandria Architectural Center/Virginia Tech - 2021-Present
- The Art League School, Alexandria, VA 2007-Present
- Smithsonian Associates, Washington, DC 2014-Present
- Maryland Photographic Workshops, Rockville, MD 2016-2017
- Washington School for Photography, Bethesda, MD 1994-2016
- Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts 2008-2010
- Maryland College of Art and Design, Silver Spring, Maryland 2008-2010

## Exhibitions

- United States Embassy/Arts in Embassies Exhibition, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2014

- Washington Artworks Gallery, Rockville, Maryland, *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2013
- C'est Le Vin, Richmond, VA, *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2012
- Alliance Ethio-Francaise, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2011
- Modern Art Museum/Gebre Christos Desta Center, *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2009
- Greener Africa Conference at Unesco, Paris, France *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2009
- Girls Gotta Run Foundation Art Exhibition, Washington, DC, *A Running Commentary* 2009
- Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography, Turner Falls, MA, *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2008
- Art Gallery at the Adam Clayton, Jr. State Building, New York, NY, *A View at the Millennium* 2008
- Blackburn Art Gallery, Howard University, Washington, DC, *Millennium Ethiopia* 2007
- Addis Art Gallery, Los Angeles, California, *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2007
- Washington Gallery, Bethesda, MD, *Ethiopia From the Heart* 2007
- Brhan Ethiopia Art Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *The Other Face of Ethiopia* 2005
- Westby Gallery, Rowan College, Glassboro, New Jersey, *Light Visions* 1996
- Gulesky Gallery, Maryland College of Art and Design, *Light Visions* 1996
- The Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, Maryland *Sixth Annual Photography Exhibition* 1996
- Gallery 500, Washington D.C., *Images from the Heart* 1995
- Ellipse Art Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia, *Photography Exhibition* 1990

### Achievements

- *Ethiopia from the Heart*, by Andargé Asfaw, Book Publication, Culture and Landscape Imagery of Ethiopia 2007
- Mead 60 – Best Book Award, *An Exhibit of Contemporary African Art”, Earth Hues, A WorldSpace Initiative* 1998
- The Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, Maryland, Award for Black and White Photography 1996

- Ellipse Art Gallery, Alexandria, Virginia, Award for Platinum Print 1990
- Communication Arts Award for Editorial Photography 1987

### Press

- Selamta: The In-flight Magazine of Ethiopian Airlines, *Greener Ethiopia With Ethiopian Airlines*, by Donna T. Jones December 2009
- *American Chronicle* Ethiopia from the Heart – Interview with Andargé Asfaw, by Irena Knehti May 30, 2009
- Howard County Times, *Visual Arts: An Ethiopian's View of an Ancient Land*, by Mike Guiliano March 19, 2009
- Tadias Magazine, *Interview: A Green Photographer with His Lens on Ethiopia*, Tadias Staff September 1, 2008
- Valley Advocate, *The Long Road Home*, by Kendra Thurlow July 31, 2008
- Gazette.Net, *Stunning Images Fill Ethiopia from the Heart'*, by Monica Hogan July 4, 2007

### Education

- Hallmark Institute of Photography, Turner Falls, Massachusetts
- Cornell University, Ithaca, New York