

**ARTIKA presents *Capturing the Soul*, an artist's book featuring 40 original photographs by Steve McCurry, the creator of the most iconic and well-known photograph in history: *The Afghan Girl*.**

Forty years ago, Steve McCurry took the famous photograph, which later appeared on the cover of *National Geographic*, showing the image of a refugee girl from Afghanistan. *Capturing the Soul* is a limited, numbered edition of 2,998 copies, all signed by the artist, conceived as a tribute to that penetrating green-eyed gaze.

McCurry has personally selected each of the 40 photographs, seeking his most representative works to make this exclusive edition something unparalleled: a unique artist's book.

The piece is presented in a **case** featuring the image of the Afghan girl, which reveals the two volumes: the **Art Book**, with the **40 original photographs** accompanied by a phrase written specifically by McCurry for each of them, where he reflects on his more than 40-year career and each moment captured by his camera. In the **Study Book**, we find some of the most authoritative voices on the figure and career of this camera genius.

The image of the Afghan girl opens the door to McCurry's essence in a case with an unmatched brilliance.

This portrait marks its 40th anniversary in 2024, as it was in 1984 when McCurry found **Sharbat Gula**, the name of the girl, in the midst of the Afghan war, when she was only 12 years old.

All this makes *Capturing the Soul* a unique opportunity to get closer to the soul of Steve McCurry and an unprecedented perspective on his essence, becoming his most intimate and exclusive narrative.

### **40 original photographs**

In the **Art Book** of *Capturing the Soul*, McCurry documents his vision of the world in which he lives, captivating viewers not only with the beauty of his work but also with the deep and personal way he evokes emotions.

Through **40 original photographs**, personally selected by the artist, dating from 1984 to 2019.

We find **29 horizontal images and 11 vertical ones**, printed on the highest quality photographic paper. These photos span 19 countries, filled with culture, emotion, and color, printed using Durst laser technology on Crystal Archive Fuji paper with a matte finish, and protected with translucent Fedrigoni paper, consolidating this Art Book as a must-have piece for photography lovers.

## **The figure of Steve McCurry as the true protagonist**

This piece, besides offering the most representative original photographs of Steve McCurry's career, tells us what the photographer is like in his private life.

**Bonnie McCurry**, the artist's sister, provides a chronological reflection of the author's life through his images. Meanwhile, journalist **Antoni Ortí** explores McCurry's figure as a professional photographer, highlighting his reference techniques and artistic concerns.

The artist analyzes the 40 photographs one by one, sharing personal anecdotes and memories, revealing the passage of time and his sensitivity, helping the viewer to better understand the moment in which each image was captured.

## **A limited edition, numbered and signed by Steve McCurry, with the artist involved in every detail**

For ARTIKA, the creative process of this work, carried out together with the artist, has been an unprecedented experience. From the selection of the images to the writing of the texts, McCurry has participated in all stages of the project's development, endowing it with personality and intimacy.

In *Capturing the Soul*, the texts accompanying the photographs become extremely important, as they allow us to learn from the author's statements about the moments when each of them was captured.

Steve McCurry also participated in supervising the color proofs of the photographs and all the materials, to the point that he fully endorses his participation by signing the 2,998 copies of this edition.

## **ARTIKA: 20 years of publishing excellence**

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At ARTIKA, we are committed to exclusive designs to present each edition. All our projects arise from a thorough research process. The result is pieces that reflect both in content and in the choice of materials the personality of a great artist.

Every detail is carefully crafted with precision, meticulousness, and a desire for innovation. Only in this way do we ensure that our artist's books become unique pieces.

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