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ROKSANA CIURYSEK-GEDIR

IN COLLABORATION WITH

ANDRÉ VAN DER HOEVEN

TOM O'DONOGHUE

JUNE 12TH THROUGH JULY 4TH 2014

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DIAMONDS IN THE SKY

BY ROXY ART FOR ART AT ANNOUSHKA SOUTH KENSINGTON

We are pleased to announce that Polish artist Roksana Ciurysek-Gedir of Roxy Art has been invited to exhibit at Annoushka jewellers in South Kensington as part of their annual series, Art at Annoushka. Opening 11th of June through the 4th of July 2014, Diamonds in the Sky will feature diamond and crystal encrusted artworks by Roksana Ciurysek-Gedir in collaboration with award-winning astrophotographers, Andre van der Hoeven and Tom O'Donoghue.

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

A financier by day and photographer by night, Roksana Ciurysek-Gedir turns her hand as editor and artisan for this year's Art at Annoushka showcase. Having been invited to exhibit alongside the stunning jewellery collections designed by Annoushka Ducas, Roksana has selected a series of award-winning astrophotographs to compliment the collections, printing them on brushed aluminium and encrusting the images with diamonds and crystals, an application that has become synonymous with the Roxy Art name. Normally invisible to the eye, the star clusters and nebulae have been captured through long exposure times - some over 20 nights - by astroimagers who sometimes refer to these dense star fields as 'diamond dust'. Shown together, the embellished photographs and jewellery dazzle the senses and celebrate the magnificent light and colour produced within the earth's surface as well as above it.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

ROKSANA CIURYSEK-GEDIR

Roksana Ciurysek-Gedir is widely regarded as a contemporary visionary within her diverging fields as an artist, banker and producer. After gaining an MSc in Management and Economics at Technical University of Gdansk Poland and having studied Art and Photography at Emily Carr Institute, Roksana has gone on to work for some of the world's most established financial corporations, proving her credentials as a banker whilst earning a revered reputation as a photographer. Her achievements are largely inspired by a multifaceted and creative lifestyle that has enabled her to reach the forefront of success, working exclusively in finance and as an internationally recognised photographer exhibiting in London, Monaco, Vancouver and Azerbaijan.

Ranging across a number of varying subject choices, from iconic landmarks to more intimate portraiture, her rich focus and lurid palette manages to somehow remove and elevate the subject from any surrounding context, allowing her images to stand alone; a particular aspect of Roksana's penchant towards fine photography.

Utilising her versatile wealth of experience, Roksana has also managed to accomplish other significant feats such as cofounding the Polish City Club under the honorary auspices of the Polish Ambassador in London, and as Producer for the highly accredited 2011 film Battle for Britain. From this, she was awarded the prestigious Newsweek Polska award for her celebrated efforts in deepening British-Polish relations and in 2014 she was awarded the honour of Young Global Leader by Davos Economic Forum. However, among the variety of accolades Roksana has received, essentially it is her devotion and personal passion towards artistic endeavour that characterises her ambitious approach towards craft.

ABOUT THE COLLABORATING PHOTOGRAPHERS

TOM O'DONOGHUE

Tom O' Donoghue is an award-winning Dublin based photographer, working full-time as an astro-imager since 2010. He has had numerous exhibitions in his native Ireland and in 2013 was runner-up in the Astronomy Photographer of the Year Deep Sky Category, held at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. Tom was also the overall runner-up in the Las Palmas Observatory Astrophotography competition in the Canaries.

ANDRE VAN DER HOEVEN

Born in the Netherlands, André van der Hoeven is a former aerospace engineer who also took up astrophotography in 2010. His images have been published internationally and in 2013 he was shortlisted for the Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition organised by the Royal Observatory in Greenwich.

HUBBLE

The Hubble Space Telescope is a 2.4 metre (7.9 ft) aperture telescope that was carried into orbit in 1990 and remains in operation. Hubble's four main instruments observe in the near ultraviolet, visible, and near infrared spectra.

ABOUT ROXY ART

Roxy Art was founded in 2009 by Roksana Ciurysek-Gedir as an exhibiting and selling platform for her own photography in addition to that of collaborating artists. Roksana's photographic works cover a range of subject matter from portraiture to architecture and are coveted by collectors and connoisseurs alike (with recent works beating estimates at both Philips and Sotheby's) because of the unique printing and application processes involved in their production. All works are typically produced as editions of 10.

ABOUT ANNOUSHKA DUCAS

Annoushka Ducas has designed jewellery for over 20 years and is the creative director of Annoushka and the driving force behind her eponymous jewellery brand. Her jewellery is an expression of her personal style and her well-defined point of view formulated through her years of experience as a jewellery designer, devotee and working mother. In May 2010, Annoushka launched her first artistic collaboration - Manuela. This art jewellery collection was jointly conceived by Annoushka and the sculptor Manuela Zervudachi. A year later, to further her the aim to bring freedom and self-expression to fine jewellery, she established Art At Annoushka. Diamonds in the Sky is the sixth show in this ongoing exhibition series staged at Annoushka's Cadogan Gardens flagship boutique. Annoushka's own work was showcased in Gold: Power and Allure, a landmark exhibition that took place in 2012 at the Goldsmiths Hall. The same year she was awarded an MBE for her contribution to the world of jewellery.

EXHIBITION DETAILS

DIAMONDS IN THE SKY

Roksana Ciurysek-Gedir

in collaboration with Andre van der Hoeven and Tom O'Donoghue

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12TH JUNE THROUGH 4TH JULY 2014

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY: 10.00 - 18.00

WEDNESDAY: 10.00 - 19.00; SUNDAY: CLOSED

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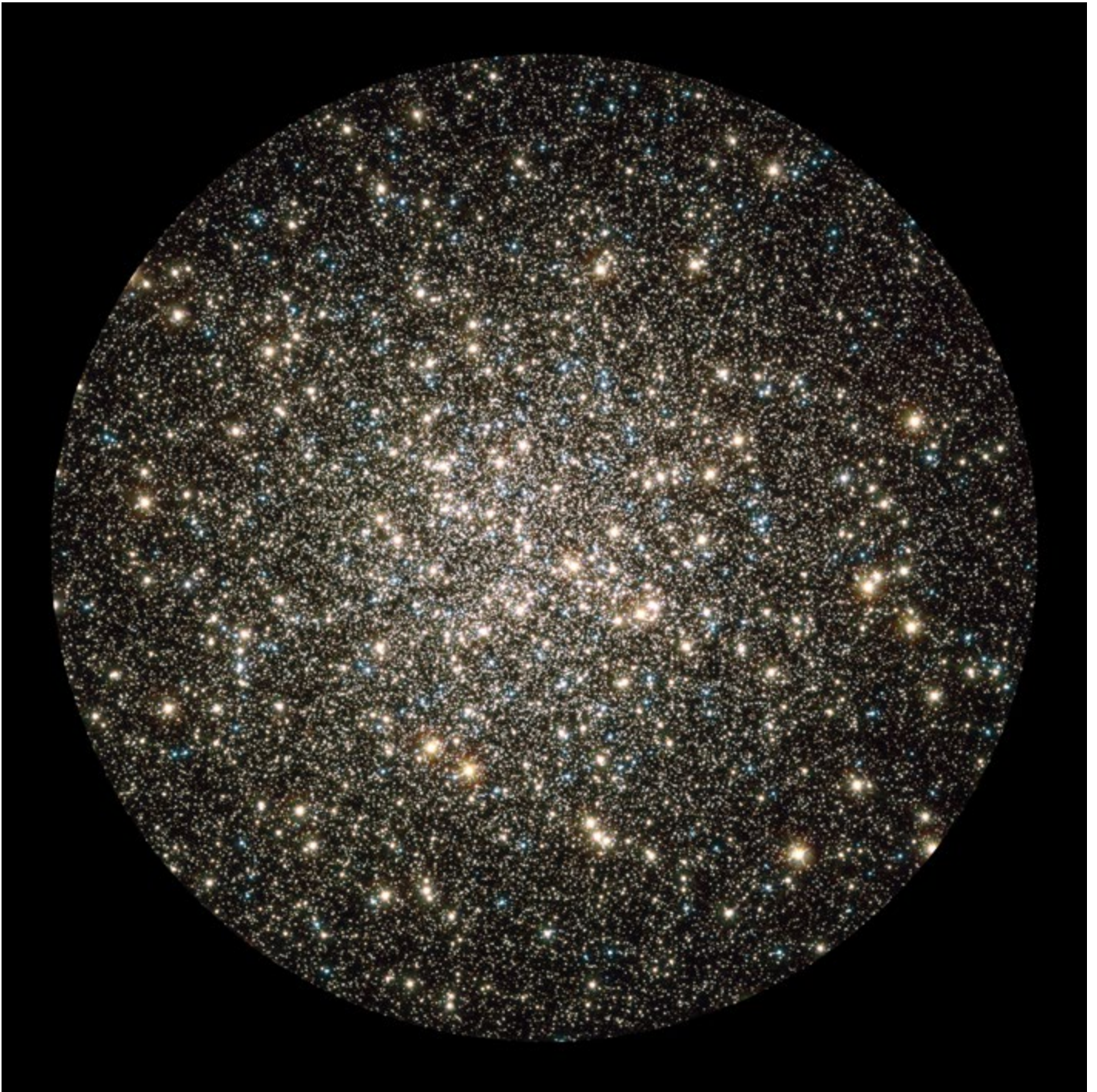
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FRONT IMAGE:

The Gulf, 2014 by Rokšana Ciurysek-Gedir with André van der Hoeven

ABOVE IMAGE:

Messier 13 300, 2014 by Rokšana Ciurysek-Gedir with NASA, ESA and the Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)