

Sacred Eye Sicily: Applications Now Open

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With Donna Ferrato, Tomeu Coll &
special guest Letizia Battaglia

The first in a series of thought provoking photographic sessions, The Sacred Eye, created by Donna Ferrato and Tomeu Coll, will push photographers to think before they shoot.

The mission of this workshop is to shine a light on the great strength of Sicilian women. Photographers will explore the challenges women encounter in a male dominated society. Our daily prayer is to respect every woman's unique voice as they speak their truth in the face of hardships of domestic violence, sex assault, sexism and ageism.

In Italy, honor killings of unfaithful wives, daughters, and sisters were quasi-legal until 1981, and, only officially condemned in 2007. Over 100 women are killed in Italy by men each year, the vast majority by their partners or ex-partners. Around one in three Italian women suffer abuse at some point in their life. The goal is to see the invisible and develop instincts of a concerned photographer.

We are proud to announce that Sicily's legendary photographer, Letizia Battaglia, author of such books as, *Passion Justice Freedom* (copyright 1999 Aperture), and, *Anthology* (copyright 2016 Drago), will join the group for a day in Palermo, to discuss her work, and provide insight from her experiences.

Each day the group will travel to new places, meeting and listening to the locals while focusing on the complex environmental and personal aspects of these women's lives.

This is a chance for earnest photographers who want to make a difference and are open minded. In the past, Tomeu and Donna accompany photography students to help develop their practice. The class has mandatory daily critiques, to help them improve. Some photographers keep returning to these workshops because our mentorship doesn't stop when the workshop ends. We encourage photographers to work outside their comfort zones. As a photographer from the LA workshop said:

"The best advice I had from Donna is to plant my own seeds. So often in life we wait for things to happen. We don't dare to do things. She showed me how to provoke, go to people, ask questions, even if you think you look stupid or you think you're not good enough."

Julia Vogelweith

The Sacred Eye Part 1 is now accepting applications to spend ten awareness building days learning how to use your cameras to break down the wall of patriarchy and to find women who want to tell *their* stories *their* way.

More information

<http://www.donnaferrato.com/workshops>