

Cira Crowell

Bio

Los Angeles and Santa Fe based Cira Crowell, founder of InLightWorks Productions, is a fine art photographer and the executive producer whose initial film *Dream Mountain* follows world-class mountaineer Pasang Lhamu Sherpa Akita, as she scales Cholatse, a technical 21,130 ft peak with mixed rock and ice climbing in the heart of the Everest region of Solukhumbu, Nepal at a pivotal crux in her life and career. *Dream Mountain* won “Best Mountainfilm” at the London Mountainfilm Festival and has appeared in seven International Mountainfilm Alliance festivals, including Nepal, Italy, France, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Poland. The film has been selected for the Kendall Mountain Tour in the United Kingdom and No Man’s Land across the United States. *Dream Mountain* has also been chosen for the esteemed Banff Mountainfilm Festival World Tour reaching audiences in 40 countries over the next three years.

Cira began taking pictures 30 years ago with Grandfather’s Leicaflex SL2. Her passion for photography and Leica has continued as she travels internationally photographing some of the world’s most engaging natural and urban landscapes. She has spent much of her career working at very high altitude, including hiking over 1,000 miles in Nepal and summiting two technical Himalayan peaks over 20,000 feet. Cira earned her M.A. from SCAD and enjoys teaching annually at Santa Fe Photographic Workshops. Her work has been exhibited at the Robert Berman Gallery, Santa Monica, California, the Mountainfilm Savannah on Tour, Tibet House: US, New York, and the Leica Gallery in Los Angeles, among others. She has also published four books of her photographs, with *Beautiful Resilience: The Enduring Spirit of Upper Gorkha Nepal*, *Envisioning Ecstasy*, and *108 Visions: Ladakh During the Kalachakra* created to raise awareness and support humanitarian projects including Nomads Clinic, Tibet House US, and Little Suns. As a fine artist Cira creates new media drawings, and projected animations. This work has been exhibited across the United States.

Exhibitions

Upcoming: Leica Gallery Los Angeles + Leica Women Foto Project “Dream Mountain,” Opening March 8, 2022, 6-8PM (ending April 4, 2022)

Kathmandu International Film Festival/Kathmandu: “Dreaming of Dream Mountain,” 2021

Mountainfilm On Tour/Savannah, “Luminous Everest,” 2019

Dolpo Tulku Charitable Trust/Frankfurt, Germany: “Mysterious Himalaya: Impressions of Dolpo,” 2017

Leica Gallery LA/Los Angeles: “Broad Strokes,” 2016

Tibet House US/New York: "Envisioning Ecstasy," 2015
Currents New Media Festival/Santa Fe, New Mexico: "Turning Thought," 2013
Robert Berman Gallery/Santa Monica: "InLight" Solo Exhibition, 2012
Currents New Media Festival/Santa Fe, New Mexico: "Prana" projected animation, 2012
Orange County Center for Contemporary Art: "Prana" projected animation, 2012
William Turner Gallery/Pacific Standard Time/Santa Monica: "Ed's Party: Spheres of Influence," "Duality" illustration, 2012
Red Dot Art Fair, Art/Basel Miami, projected animation, 2009
Eileen Brazier Fine Art/Santa Fe: "Fall Show," projected animation, 2009
River Oaks Arts Center/Alexandria, Solo Exhibition, 2003

Events

UPCOMING: Leica Gallery Los Angeles + Leica Women Foto Project: Screening of Dream Mountain, plus Artist's Talk "Making the Dream Real," March 30, 2022, 6:00PM

Banff World Tour/Salt Lake City, Introduction and Screening of "Dream Mountain" 2022

Santa Fe Film Festival, Artist's Talk, "Making the Dream Real" 2022

Leica Store LA: IG Live Interview, 2020

ASMP/NM Artist's Talk, "Project Spotlight," 2021

Leica LA: Coffee, Cameras and Conversation with Cira Crowell: "Sharing the Light" 2016

Collected Works Bookstore Launch and Artist's Talk: "Beautiful Resilience: The Enduring Spirit of Upper Gorkha Nepal" 2015

Film Tours and Festivals:

"Best Mountain Film," London Mountain Film Festival, 2020

Banff World Tour, International, 2022

Kendal On Tour, United Kingdom, 2022

No Mans Land Tour, United States, 2022

Autrans International Mountain Film Festival, France, 2021

Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, United States, 2022

Graz Mountain Film Festival, Switzerland, 2021

Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival, Nepal, 2021

Kendal Mountain Festival, United Kingdom, 2021

Krakow Mountain Festival, Poland, 2020

London Mountain Film Festival, United Kingdom, 2020

New Zealand Mountain Film Festival, New Zealand, 2020

Santa Fe Film Festival, United States, 2021

Wasatch Mountain Film Festival, United States, 2022

Trento Film Festival, Italy, 2021

Not For Profit

Dzi Foundation, 2020

Dolpo Tulku Charitable Trust, 2018

Explorers Club, 2017

Little Suns Solar Lights, 2017

Nomads Clinic, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017

Upaya Zen Center, 2010-2017

Tibet House US/New York, 2015

Tibet House US/Menla Retreat Center, 2015

The Georgia O’Keeffe Museum, Board of Directors and National Council,
2007-2015

High Altitude Experience

Lobuche, 20,075ft/6,145m, Nepal, summited 2021

Cholatse, 21,130ft/6,446m, Nepal, summited 2019

Mt. Fuji, 12,388ft/3,776m, Japan, summited 2015

Mt. Rainier, 14, 411ft/4,392m, United States, summited 2013

Trekking over 1,000 miles including numerous 17,000ft+
passes, Nepal, 2013-2021

Teaching

UPCOMING: Santa Fe Workshops, “The Language of Black And White,” July
11-15, 2022

Kathmandu International Film Festival: Masterclass, “Making the Dream Real,”
2021

Santa Fe Workshops, “The Language of Black and White,” 2021

Santa Fe Photographic Workshops, “The Language of Black and White,” 2020

Santa Fe Photographic Workshops, “The Language of Black and White,” 2019

Santa Fe Photographic Workshops, “The Language of Black and White,” 2018

Palm Springs Photo Festival: Cira Crowell: “Nepal Illuminated: New Technology
in the High Himalaya,” 2018

Professional Affiliations

American Society of Media Photographers

Leica Historical Society of America

Education

MA Savannah College of Art and Design

Press

Alpinist Magazine 2020

Leica Women Foto Project: “Her Legacy” 2020

London Mountain Film Festival: "Best Of" 2020
GearPatrol/Leica Camera: "How One Photographer Finds Her Light From New Mexico To Mount Everest" 2019
Santa Fe Reporter, 2018
Leica Fotografie International: "Luminous Everest" 2018
Leica Camera Blog: "Nepal Illuminated" 2018
The Travel Photographer Blog: "Koyasan" 2018
Nomads Clinic Social Action, 2017
Leica Camera Blog: "Broad Strokes" at Leica Gallery LA, 2016
Leica Camera Blog: "Surf Lotus" 2016
Leica Meet: Selection of Excellence, 2016
Leica Meet: Interview by Olaf Willoughby: "Working and Serving in the Himalayas," 2017
Leica Camera Blog: Interview, "Envisioning Ecstasy" 2016
John Paul Caponigro Blog, 2015
THE Magazine, Santa Fe, International Spotlight, 2015
Santa Fean: Art Profile "Flashing Forward" 2013
Huffington Post: Review "In Light" 2012
Los Angeles Times: "Innovators '09: The Illuminated Artist" Brand X, 2009