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Farzana Wahidy

Afghan Women

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Anastasia Photo is pleased to present the first solo exhibition of Farzana Wahidy in the United States. 'Afghan Women' is a collection of photographs of women taken by Wahidy in her native Afghanistan between the years of 2001 and 2007.

Farzana Wahidy was born in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in 1984 and moved to Kabul at the age of six. She attended school during the years of the Afghan civil war and, at the age of 11, she began teaching mathematics to 60 students. After the Taliban came to power and prohibited the education of women, she secretly attended an underground school located in an apartment with 300 other girls. It was through the unlikely medium of photography that Wahidy found freedom to expose the unique customs and restrictions (especially for women) in her society.

After the Taliban were forced from power, Wahidy continued her schooling at a two-year program sponsored by AINA Photojournalism Institute. In 2004 she began work as a photojournalist for Agence-France Presse and later joined the Associated Press. Her pictures have been published in Sunday Times, Le Monde 2, Gent magazine, Collective Number 5-Photographie et Compagnie book. Farzana received a scholarship to attend the two-year Photojournalism Program at Loyalist College in Belleville, Ontario, Canada, where she now resides.

Anastasia Photo specializes in Documentary Photography and Photojournalism. The gallery space will also serve as a center for discussion and portfolio review. Anastasia Photo intends to couple each exhibition with a related Philanthropic Organization.