Somewhere Out There, Something Is Happening



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Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.

President John F. Kennedy, June 26 1963

There's something about the American spirit – inherent in the American spirit – we don't hang on to the past. We always move forward....

President Barack Obama, October 15, 2009

While walking around on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C. in 2009, I kept thinking about the phrase boldly embedded into the stone facade of the National Archives – a place of our collective national being and history.

WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE



Somewhere Out There, Something Is Happening is an ongoing series of artist books of photographs and fragmentary text that meditates on the physical places and psychological spaces of the contemporary American social landscape. Each book considers our inescapable history and whether what is past is a prologue of something happening now.



Titles

Whispers from the Apple Orchard – impressions of stillness and quiet contemplation at the Manzanar War Relocation Center in the Eastern Sierra Nevada.

And Then The Sky Turned Angry – the seemingly organized placement of personal effects after an EF-5 tornado in Joplin, Missouri.

It Was A Beautiful Dream - reflections on the Native American experience and the history of Little Big Horn & Wounded Knee.

Lift Every Voice – retracing the locations of the 1964 voting rights movement tragedy in Philadelphia, Mississippi.

Lest We Forget To Remember – memorializing the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas.

Dance All Night – remembrances of victims in the aftermath of the Pulse Nightclub mass shooting in Orlando, Florida.

Artist Book Details

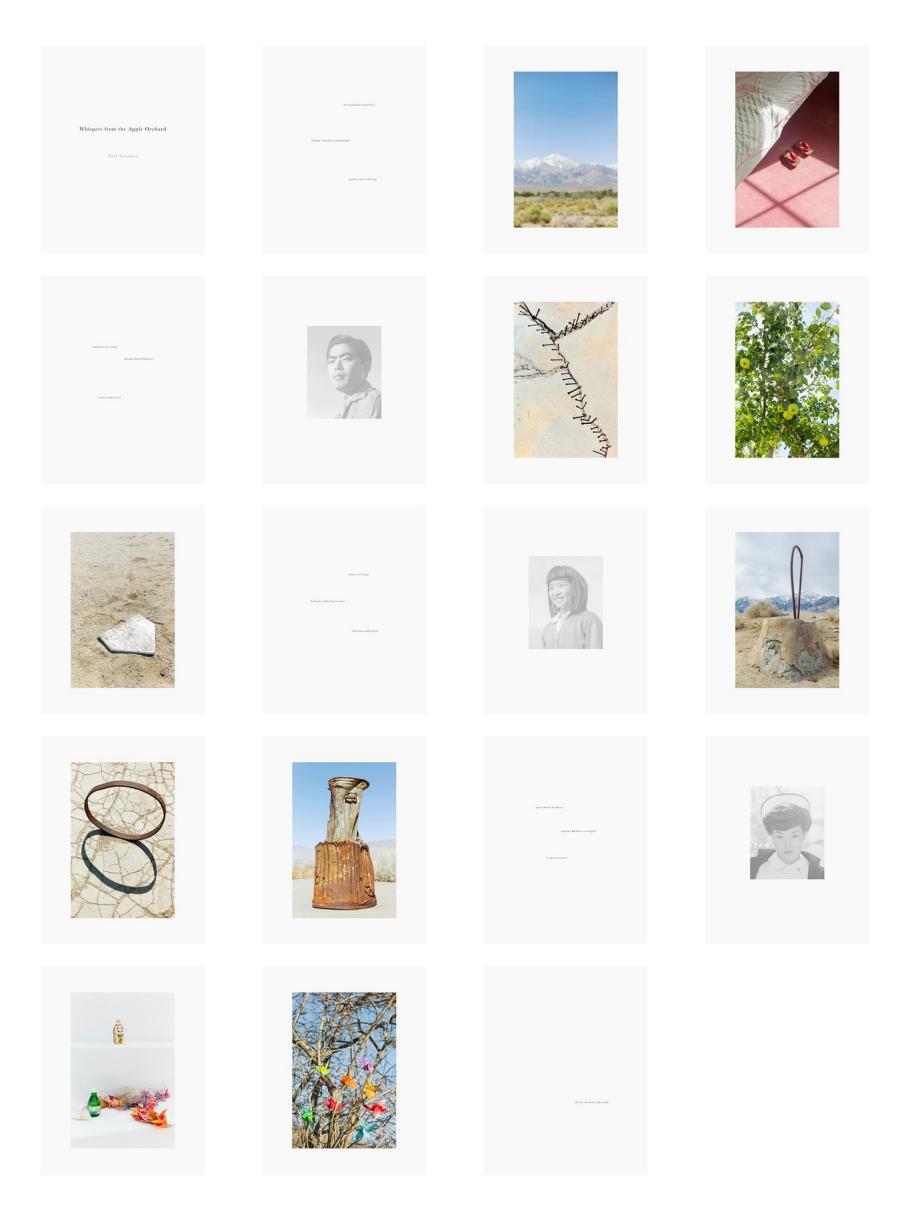
 $14 - 3/8 \times 11 - 3/8 \times 7/8$ inches

Chiyogami silkscreened paper covered binders board with archival folder

Each artist book has approximately 20 - 25 broadsides, including 6 - 12 archival inkjet prints, 5 - 6 text sheets, reflective statement, map, colophon and index sheet.

Whispers from the Apple Orchard







Created Edition 2015 - 2018 2023

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Medium

- 10 archival inkjet pigment prints on Canson Prestige II
- 5 text sheets on Canson Rag Photographique
- 3 archival inkjet pigment prints on Mylar
- Chiyogami 926 silkscreened paper covered binders board with archival folder

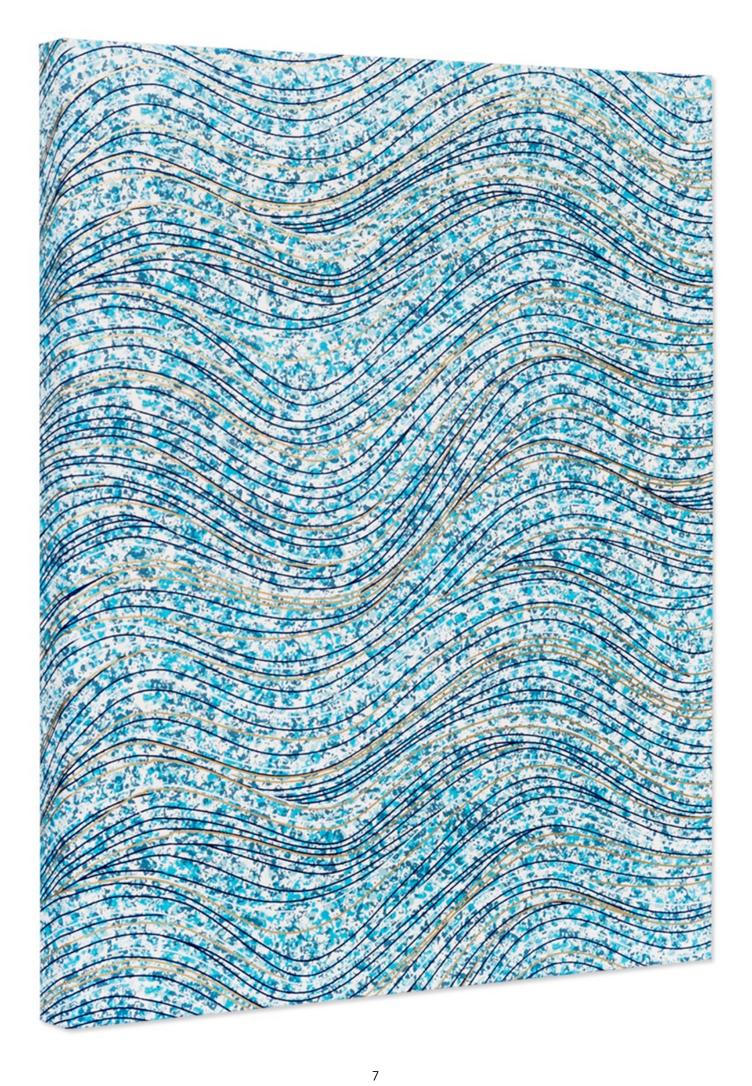
Headings

- Manzanar Concentration Camp - Inyo County - California
- Japanese Americans - Forced removal and incarceration - 1942 1946

- Archive photographs: Adams, Ansel, 1902 1984, photographer. Ansel Adams's Photographs of Japanese-American Internment at Manzanar, Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division, Washington, D.C.
- Text partially adapted from personal narratives recorded and cataloged by Densho, a digital archive of videotaped interviews, photographs, documents, and other materials relating to the Japanese American experience.

 Additional information on the project is available at www.densho.org

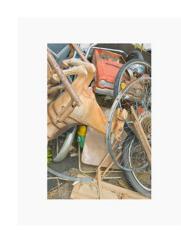
And Then The Sky Turned Angry





















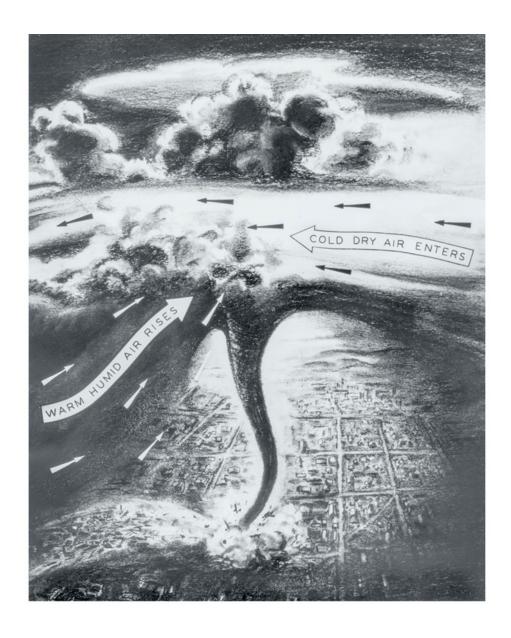












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Medium

- 11 archival inkjet pigment prints on Canson Prestige II
- 6 text sheets on Canson Rag Photographique
- Chiyogami 230 silkscreened paper covered binders board with archival folder

Headings

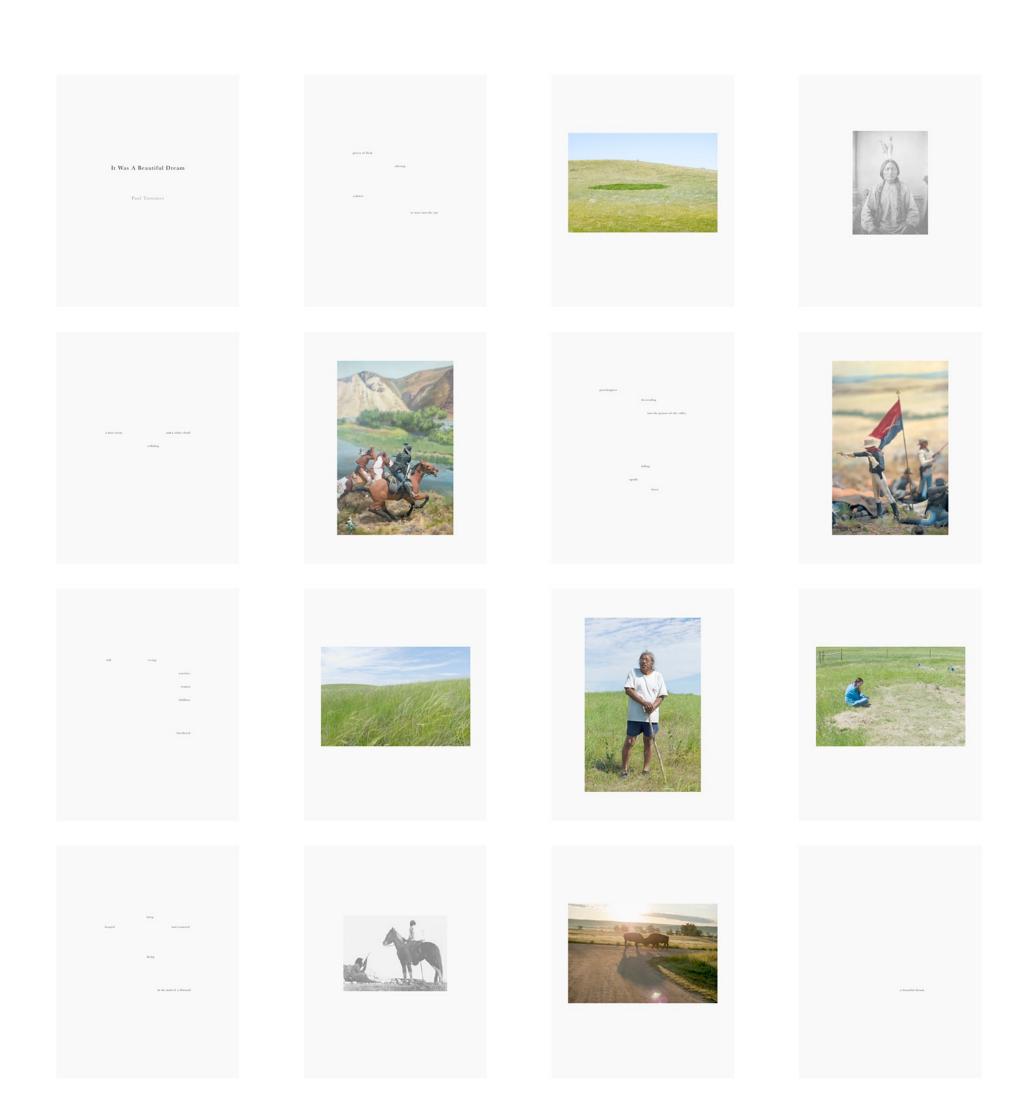
- Weather - Storms
- Wind - Atmospheric circulation
- Tornado - Joplin - Missouri - 2011
- Climate Change - United States

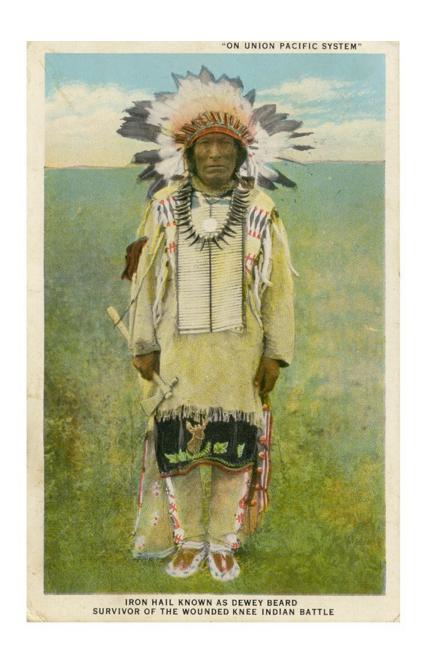
Notes

- Text adapted from remembrance notices published by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Springfield News-Leader and Joplin Globe in 2011.

It Was A Beautiful Dream







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Medium

- 7 archival inkjet pigment prints on Canson Prestige II
- 6 text sheets on Canson Rag Photographique
- 2 archival inkjet pigment prints on Mylar
- Chiyogami 852 silkscreened paper covered binders board with archival folder

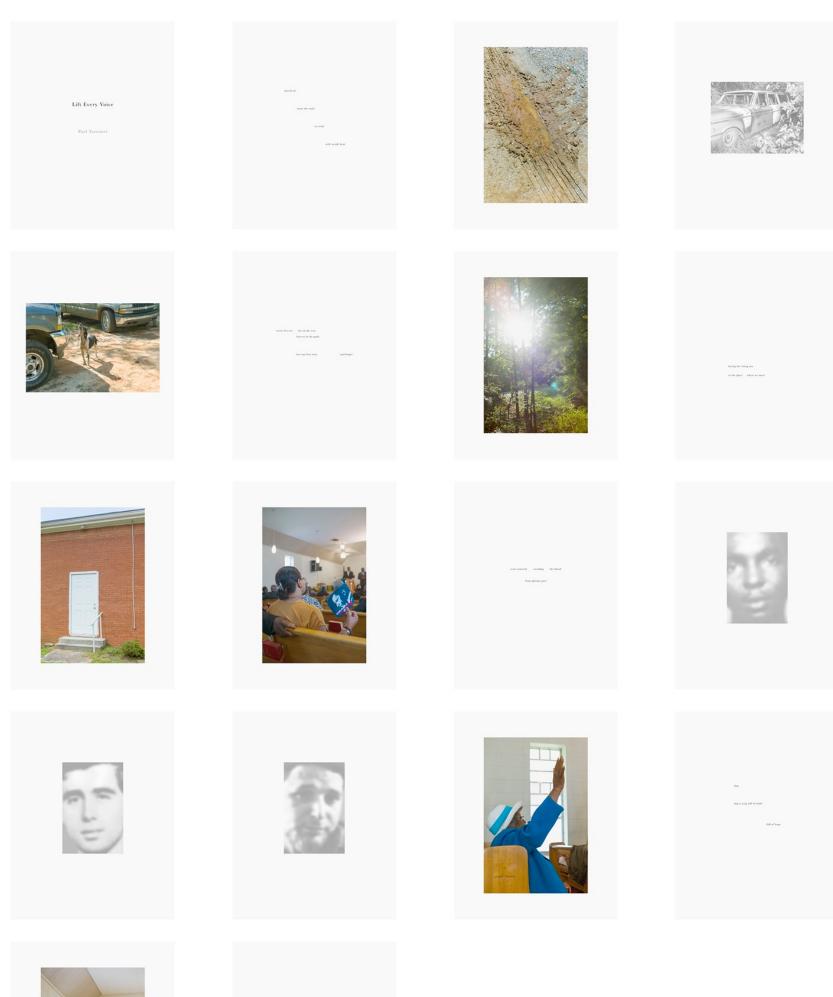
Headings

- Greasy Grass, Battle of the - Montana - 1876
- Massacre - Wounded Knee - South Dakota - 1890
- Native Americans - Lakota - Cheyenne - 1876 2021

- Archive photographs: Sitting Bull, 1883 by Barry, David Francis, 1854 1934, photographer, and American Indian Movement Occupation Vigil at Wounded Knee, 1973 by Knoblock, Charles, 1917 2006, photographer.
- Text partially adapted from account of Sitting Bull's vision about the Battle of the Greasy Grass (Battle of the Little Bighorn) as written by Reilly, Edward J., Legends of American Indian Resistance (2011) and the oral testimony of Black Elk, (Heháka Sápa), 1863 1950, Oglala Sioux leader, 1932, about the Wounded Knee Massacre.

Lift Every Voice











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Medium

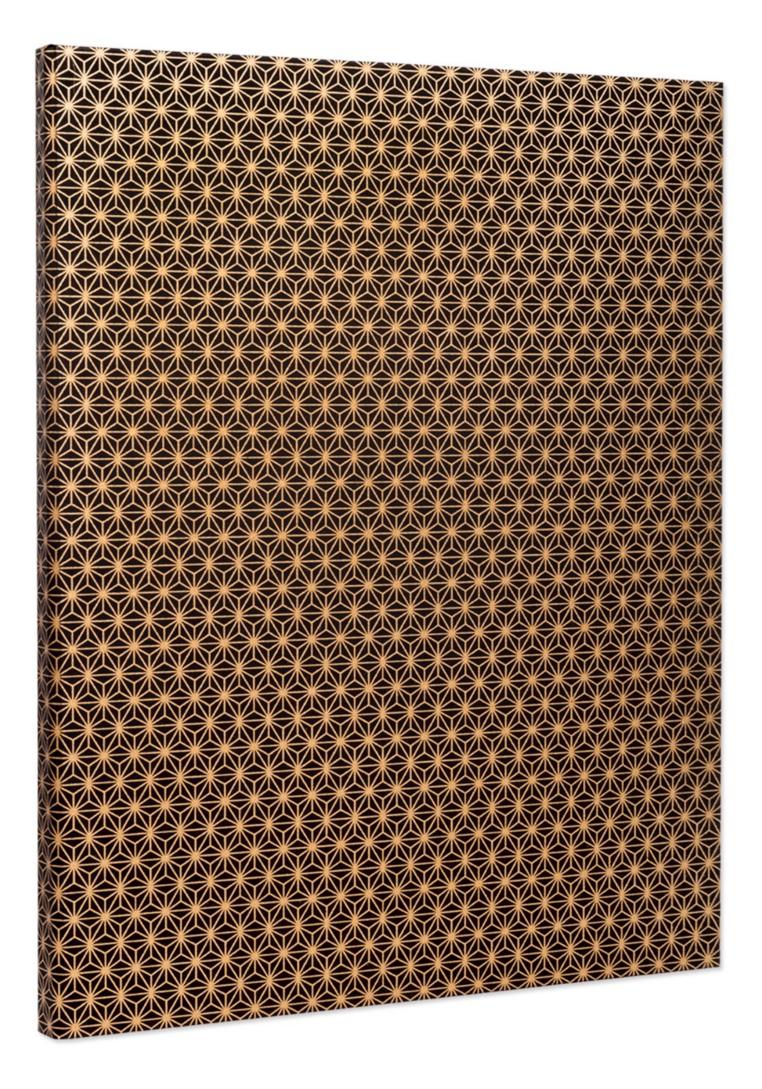
- 7 archival inkjet pigment prints on Canson Prestige II
- 6 text sheets on Canson Rag Photographique
- 4 archival inkjet pigment prints on Mylar
- Chiyogami 141 silkscreened paper covered binders board with archival folder

Headings

- Chaney, James Earl, - 1943 1964
- Goodman, Andrew, - 1943 1964
- Schwerner, Michael Henry, - 1939 1964
- Mt. Zion Church - Longdale - Mississippi
- Civil and Voting Rights Movements - Neshoba County - Mississippi - 1964
- Federal Bureau of Investigation - Mississippi Burning Investigation - 1964 2016

- Archive photograph: 1964 Ford Fairlane Station Wagon, Federal Bureau of Investigation evidence photograph, 1964.
- Text adapted from "Lift Every Voice and Sing," written by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900, and is often referred to as "The Black National Anthem," for its solemn yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans.

Lest We Forget To Remember









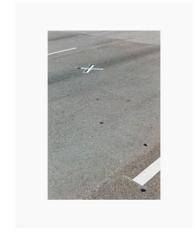












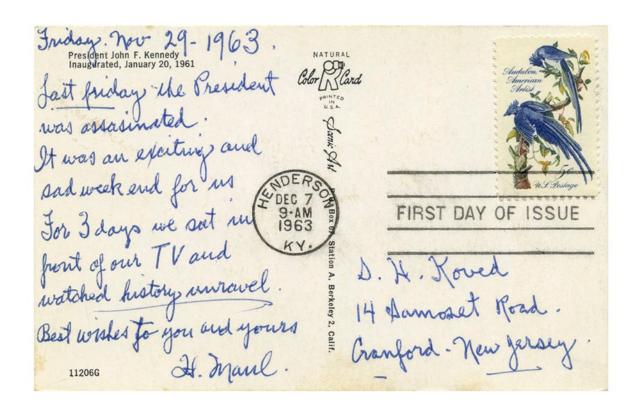












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Medium

- 7 archival inkjet pigment prints on Canson Prestige II
- 5 text sheets on Canson Rag Photographique
- 2 archival inkjet pigment prints on Mylar
- Chiyogami 1019 silkscreened paper covered binders board with archival folder

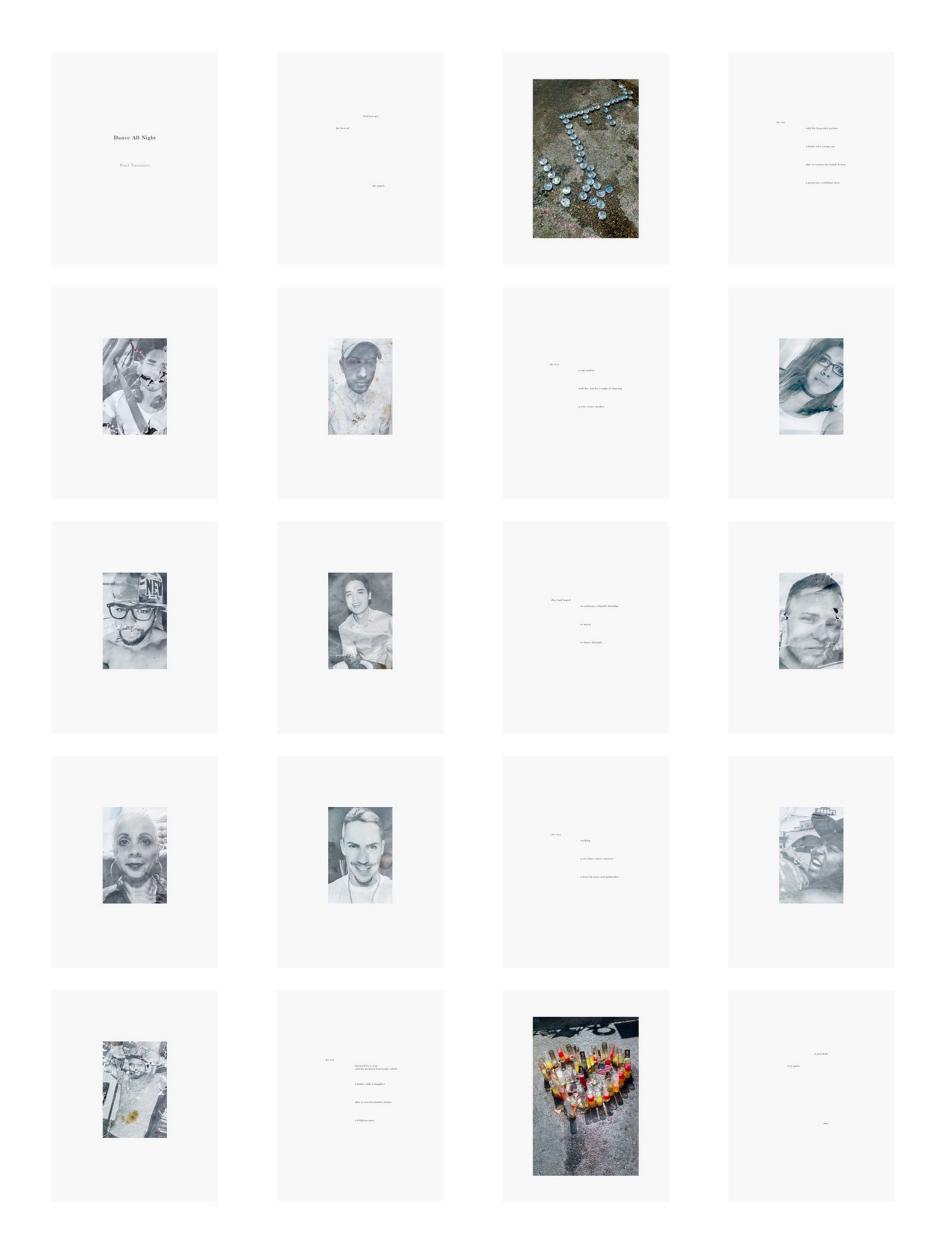
Headings

- Motorcade - Dallas - Texas - November, 22, 1963
- Kennedy, John Fitzgerald, 1917-1963, President - Assassination

- Archive photographs: John F. Kennedy Motorcade, 1963, Cisco, Walt, photographer, Dallas Morning New, public domain and Secret Service Agent Clint Hill, Newman, Justin, photographer, public domain.
- Text partially adapted from remarks prepared for undelivered speeches at a luncheon at the Trade Mart in Dallas, Texas, and in the evening to the Texas Democratic State Committee at the Municipal Auditorium in Austin, Texas on November, 22, 1963.

Dance All Night







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Medium

- 2 archival inkjet pigment prints on Canson Prestige II
- 10 archival inkjet pigment prints on Canson Rag Photographique
- 7 text sheets on Canson Rag Photographique
- Chiyogami 700 silkscreened paper covered binders board with archival folder

Headings

- Hate crime - LGBTQ+ - 2016
- Crime victims - United States
- Pulse Nightclub - Orlando - Florida
- Terrorism - United States
- Photographs - Social media - 21rst Century
- Human Rights Campaign - Orlando - Central Florida

Notes

- Portrait photographs and text adapted from flyers produced and printed by the Human Rights Campaign - Orlando/Central Florida that were placed at the memorial site in front of the Pulse Nightclub to honor each of the victims.