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# Leica Camera and the International Center of Photography (ICP) Announce Asherde Gill as the Inaugural Recipient of the Leica Scholarship at ICP



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**TEANECK, NEW JERSEY, November 7, 2024** — Leica Camera and the International Center of Photography (ICP) are delighted to announce that Asherde Gill has been selected as the inaugural recipient of the prestigious Leica Scholarship at ICP. This scholarship provides essential tuition support for ICP's One-Year Certificate Program, highlighting Leica's commitment to education and the cultivation of emerging talent in the field of visual arts.

"I am beyond excited to be spending my year at ICP sharpening my skills and connecting with fellow photographers," said Asherde Gill. "In my imagemaking, I aim to illuminate the resilience, beauty, and

struggles of Black Queer individuals in my family and beyond, while also envisioning and advocating for futures where they are fully represented and celebrated. I am grateful that this scholarship and my time at ICP will allow me to realize my vision and focus on creating and refining a complete body of work."

"We are proud to announce Asherde Gill as the inaugural recipient of the Leica Scholarship at ICP," said Mike Giannattasio, President of Leica Camera USA. "This scholarship underscores our commitment to fostering emerging talent in photography and highlights our dedication to building a vibrant network of creative individuals. Supporting photographers like Asherde is crucial to nurturing the next generation of visual storytellers, and we are thrilled to see the remarkable work they will produce."

The One-Year Certificate Program at ICP offers an immersive and comprehensive education in photography, combining rigorous technical training with critical theoretical studies. Through this program, Asherde Gill will have the opportunity to refine their skills, explore innovative creative directions, and engage with a vibrant community of like-minded individuals.

"We are thrilled to welcome Asherde to the OYC programs", said ICP CEO, Bob Jeffrey. "Asherde's vision and commitment to their practice embody the spirit of what we strive to nurture at ICP. We look forward to supporting their development and celebrating their achievements."

Onsite One-Year Certificate Programs take place in ICP's facilities on the Lower East Side, and run from August–May of each year. Applications for the in-person One-Year Programs in Creative Practices and Documentary Practice and Visual Journalism are currently open. Learn more at [oyc.icp.org](http://oyc.icp.org).

***Asherde Gill** (b. 1998) is a visual artist from Brooklyn, New York, with roots in Trinidad. Through their collaboration with light, time, sculpture, and composition, Gill explores Black queer history in Trinidad and the U.S., delving into the profound generational impacts of colonization and migration in the diaspora. Asherde is a 2023 Artist2Artist Fellow at the Art Matters Foundation and participated in the *En Foco Inc. emerging artists exhibition*. They were also a co-writer for the 2024 off-Broadway production of *Enemies* at Epic Theatre Ensemble. In addition to their artistic practice, Gill works as an educator and grant writer for Epic Theatre Ensemble. They thrive in spaces that center community care, social change, and the artistic development of NYC youth.*

### **About Leica Camera**

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brand is founded on a long tradition of excellence in the supreme quality and performance of cameras and lenses, and the iconic images that artists and photojournalists everywhere captured with them. For more information about Leica visit <https://leicacamerausa.com/>, or follow the brand on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### **About International Center of Photography**

The International Center of Photography is the world's leading institution dedicated to photography and visual culture. Cornell Capa founded ICP in 1974 to champion "concerned photography" – socially and politically minded images that can educate and change the world. Through our exhibitions, education programs, community outreach, and public programs, ICP offers an open forum for dialogue about the power of the image. Visit [icp.org](http://icp.org) to learn more about the school, museum, and programs.

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