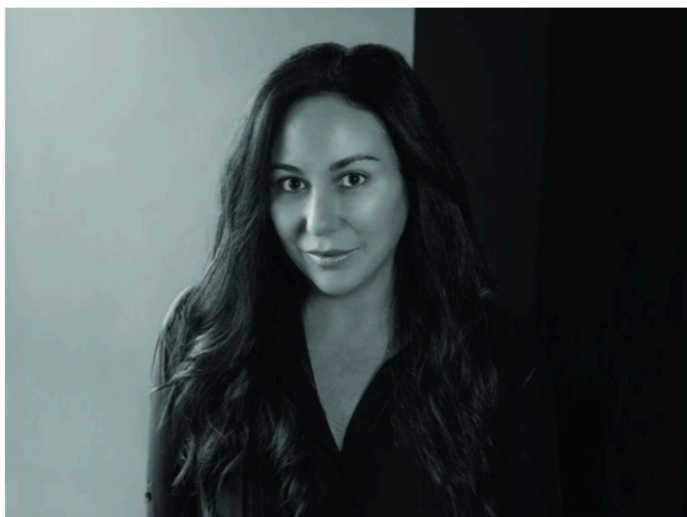


Gillian Laub on Pia Paulina Guilmoth



Photographer Gillian Laub. Image courtesy of the artist.

New York-based photographer and filmmaker Gillian Laub is best known for her familial narratives, in which she documents political and emotional division between generations. Her 12-year visual project on racial and social segregation in Montgomery County, Georgia, “Southern Rites,” became an HBO documentary that premiered in 2015. Laub is also highly sought after for her vibrant, unlikely celebrity portraits, including Amanda Seyfried, Laverne Cox, and Dolly Parton.



Artist Pia Paulina Guilmoth. Image courtesy of the artist.

“We are inundated with images every day, and it has become rare to find work you can’t move past—work that makes you want to know more and see more. That is what happened the first time I saw Pia Paulina Guilmoth’s photographs. The pictures felt familiar and unplaceable at once.

I discovered she makes them where she lives, with the people close to her, on land that means something to her. So much work now is intellectual—beautiful to look at but hard to feel. Her photos hold beauty too, but it comes from somewhere deeper, and that is what makes it stay with you. It holds beauty and fragility together. There is growth and ruin, staying and leaving, all of it rooted in the land.”