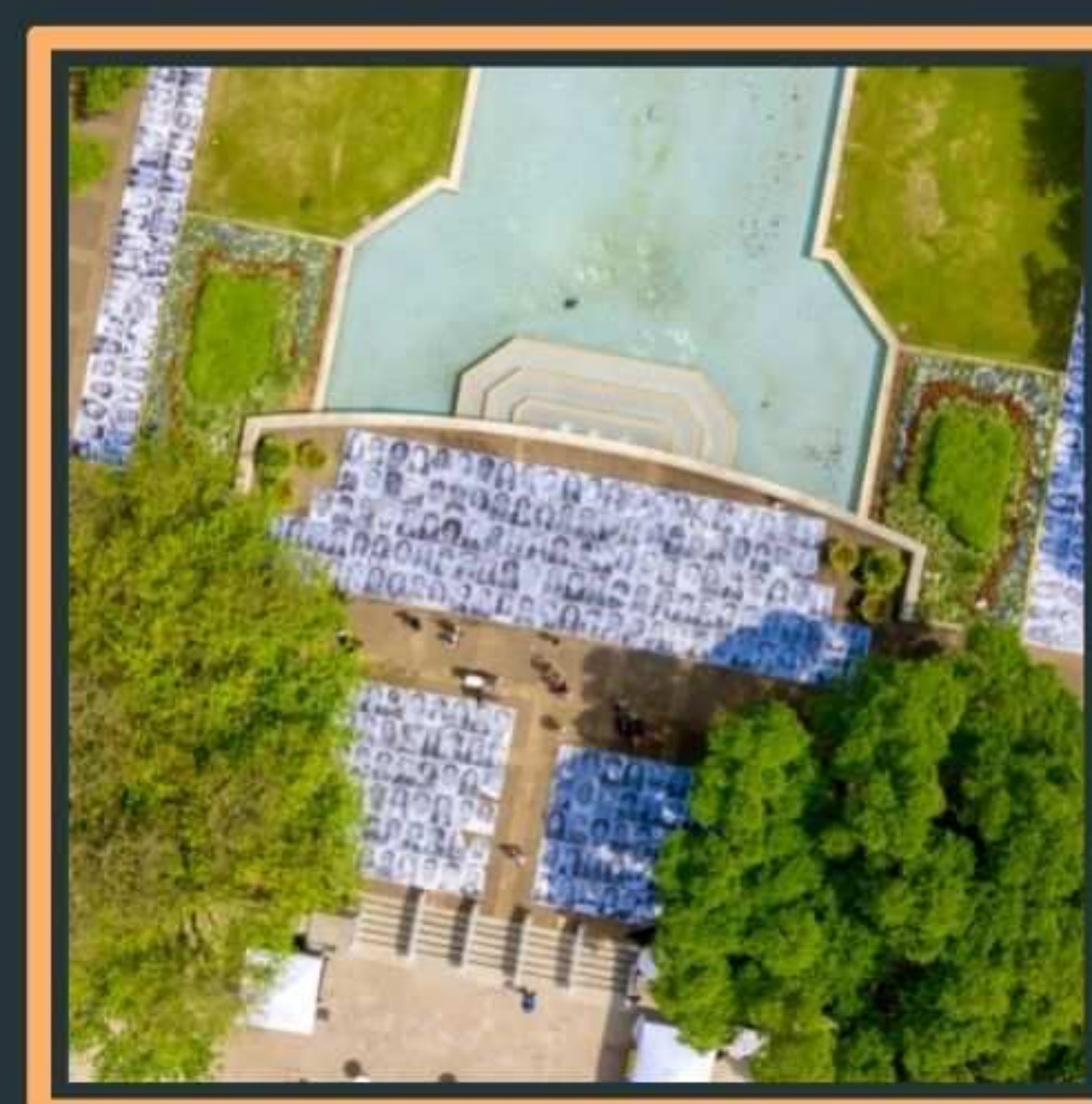




## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

*Anne Houang*



### *How does compassion inform your art?*

As Bobby Sager in *The Invisible Sun* says, I find it hard to be happy unless I am thankful, and I find it difficult to be thankful without some context to appreciate what I have... and the people and communities I collaborate with provide context on steroids.

The projects I choose to participate in are collaborations that bring art to the community, into public spaces and outdoors, and that help amplify people's voices.

Anne Houang is a photographer and educator based in Houston. Her multiracial history and a decade spent living and traveling in the Middle East and Southeast Asia made her a strong believer in helping communities in need as part of the solution to our ongoing social issues. *The Power of Hope*, a project she worked on with a family of Burmese refugee children, was displayed in Kuala Lumpur and helped raise funds to implement a formal curriculum at the refugee school where she was teaching. After returning to Houston, Anne started to work as a teaching artist for the Houston Center for Photography. She became interested in collaborative art projects that inspire and empower underserved and marginalized communities to realize their full potential through education, networking and advocacy.

Anne was an integral part of the Green light artistic workshop at Rice University's Moody Center for the Arts. Green light was conceived by Olafur Eliasson and invites refugees, asylum seekers, and members of the public to participate in a multifaceted program of creativity and shared learning. Anne was also one of the photographers and the project installer for the Inside Out Project – Diversity during Nuit Blanche Houston. The Inside Out Project is a global art project created by French artist JR. Most recently, she was one of the 2021 SACI grantees with the City of Houston and the Houston Arts Alliance for her project *Embrace My Story* with the Congolese refugee community at FAM Houston.

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