

BROKEN SOULS

by Rémy Tortosa



Broken Souls

exhibit

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Beautiful Bleakness :

The Art of Rémy Tortosa

Fireman - Turned - Photographer Finds Hope in « Broken Souls »

LOS ANGELES, April, 2017- The story of homelessness is all-too familiar to Angelinos: tent cities. Trash. Sad-eyed souls scrambling for food, a fix, or just some shelter for the night. Some of us may toss them a few bucks or perhaps even donate larger amounts. Our donations buy absolution, or so we would like to believe. For then we can look away.

Photographer Rémy Tortosa cannot look away. A former fireman, Rémy is accustomed to seeing people in danger. But the kind he sees in the streets of LA is a different sort. This is trouble in slow motion, lives teetering – or already toppled. A defiant man bares his chest to reveal a tattoo reading, “Ride the Lightning.” A distressed woman presses her fingers against her face as if to hold herself together. A pair of knobby hands light a smoke like a beacon against the blackness.

Most photographs of the homeless come across as one-dimensional, “shoot-and-run” affairs. They tend to exploit the dire circumstances of their subjects. The viewer looks and thinks: “there but for the grace of God go I...”

Rémy is after something subtler. In his photos, light evens out darkness. Sun illuminates the crags of faces. Beards glow. Tired eyes gleam with humanity, even humor.

Rémy has always been drawn to people in peril. Born and raised in the suburbs of Paris, he served proudly as a fireman for 11 years. Eventually photography allowed him to take a more introspective role in the world around him.

For more information about “Broken Souls” or Rémy Tortosa, please contact Anne Tortosa at demay.tortosa@gmail.com

50% of the proceeds from “Broken Souls” will support the Midnight Mission’s life-saving and life-changing program services for the homeless in Los Angeles.



Founded in 1914, The Midnight Mission is the oldest continuously operating homeless services organizations in Los Angeles. The Midnight serves nearly one million meals per year to those who are hungry and is the largest free shelter on Skid Row. In addition, the organization also offers a world-renown drug and alcohol addiction recovery program, family living, job training and education, a women's crisis and bridge housing center, a shelter in Orange County, and access to physical and mental health services.

The Midnight Mission is proud to partner with Magenta Color Print on its grand opening in the Arts District, and is privileged and humbled to receive 50% of the proceeds from the sale of Remy Tortosa's photographs depicting the reality of homelessness in Los Angeles.

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