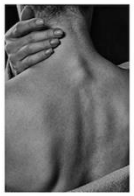

OLGA VOLIANSKA + IRYNA DOMASHENKO

HUNGRY EYE FAIR AMSTERDAM 2025

Joint Statement for Hungry Eye Fair Amsterdam 2025

Our projects — «Skin Deep Memory» by Olga Volianska and «Unity» by Iryna Domashenko — engage in a dialogue about the traces of time and the search for harmony. We have come together to explore how personal and collective memory intertwines with inner balance and the delicate nature of human existence.
By merging our visions, we speak of interconnectedness: between memory and harmony, past and present, fragility and resilience. Our works resonate with one another — like fine lines on the skin and fluid contours in nature — forming a cohesive visual narrative that invites the viewer to reflect on how we preserve and reimagine ourselves in a constantly shifting world. We believe this collaboration opens a new perspective for both of us and for the audience, offering a space to find personal echoes within our shared story.

«Skin Deep Memory» Olga Volianska

The «Skin Deep Memory» project explores how time leaves its marks — on the body, in nature, and within consciousness. Skin is our personal archive: wrinkles, scars, and touches — each line not only traces the past but also points forward, into the future. It is a surface where events, emotions, wounds, and healings are recorded — both visible and invisible signs of our lives.
In the 21st century, memory has changed. We upload recollections to the cloud, turn them into data, and collect digital traces, yet we increasingly lose the connection to the past through the body. Memories become fragile, like old photographs fading in the sun, yet paradoxically eternal in their digital immortality. Afraid of forgetting, we archive every moment, gradually losing the very fabric of memory — its materiality, its touch, its scent.
At the heart of the project are dried leaves submerged in water. Their wrinkled surfaces, delicate veins, and gentle translucency resemble skin. Water becomes the boundary between the past and the future: the leaves do not vanish — they simply change form, much like our memories — transforming but never dissolving without a trace. It is a metaphor for how the future grows through the imprints of the past, and how new meanings emerge from lived experiences.
Here, water is not just a symbol of time. It is a medium where memory dissolves but never disappears.
The project offers a glimpse into the future through what has already become a part of our skin. What lies ahead when memory is woven from digital fragments and silent marks on the body? Can we find balance between the virtual and the tangible, between fleeting data and eternal scars? Or will memory take on new forms — like leaves dissolving in water, leaving behind subtle, invisible lines that connect the body and code?
«Skin Deep Memory» is a reflection on how our relationship with the past is evolving in the age of technology and how the traces of time embed themselves deeply within us, even when we no longer feel their touch.

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«Unity» by Iryna Domashenko

The primary aim of the «Unity» series is to explore harmony and inner balance. It seeks to unite simple, elegant forms, avoiding unnecessary details and accessories that often distract from the essence. This series draws inspiration from classic photography while embracing a contemporary perspective on harmony, merging traditional techniques with modern visual concepts.
The vulnerability and elegance present in these works should not be mistaken for weakness. On the contrary, they embody feminine strength — the ability to feel and convey natural warmth. Each frame is an attempt to reassemble one's inner core, reflecting the deep emotions and experiences we all encounter.
The goal is not merely to showcase the beauty of vulnerability and sensitivity, but to investigate how these qualities coexist and create harmony. It is a search for balance in the graceful forms of bodies and their connection with the surrounding world. Every element within the works is part of a larger whole, highlighting the inseparable bond between human existence and nature.
The theme of shadow holds particular significance in this series. A shadow is not merely a reflection of ourselves but a living part of our personality. Meeting oneself, in my view, involves acknowledging and accepting one's shadow. As Carl Jung asserted, the main goal of personal growth is not to avoid one's dark sides, but to integrate and understand them. This requires courage and openness, which, in turn, lead to true inner harmony.
Thus, the «Unity» series is a visual exploration and reflection on the nature of our existence — the connection between light and darkness, strength and vulnerability. It delves into how we can rediscover balance within ourselves by embracing our shadow and celebrating our elegance.

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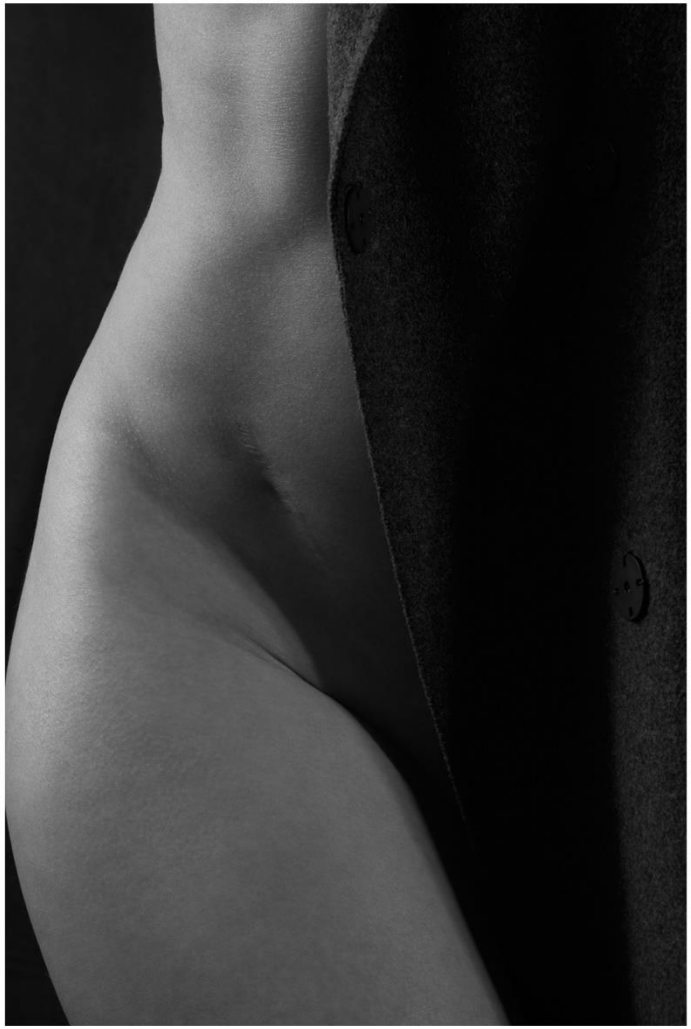

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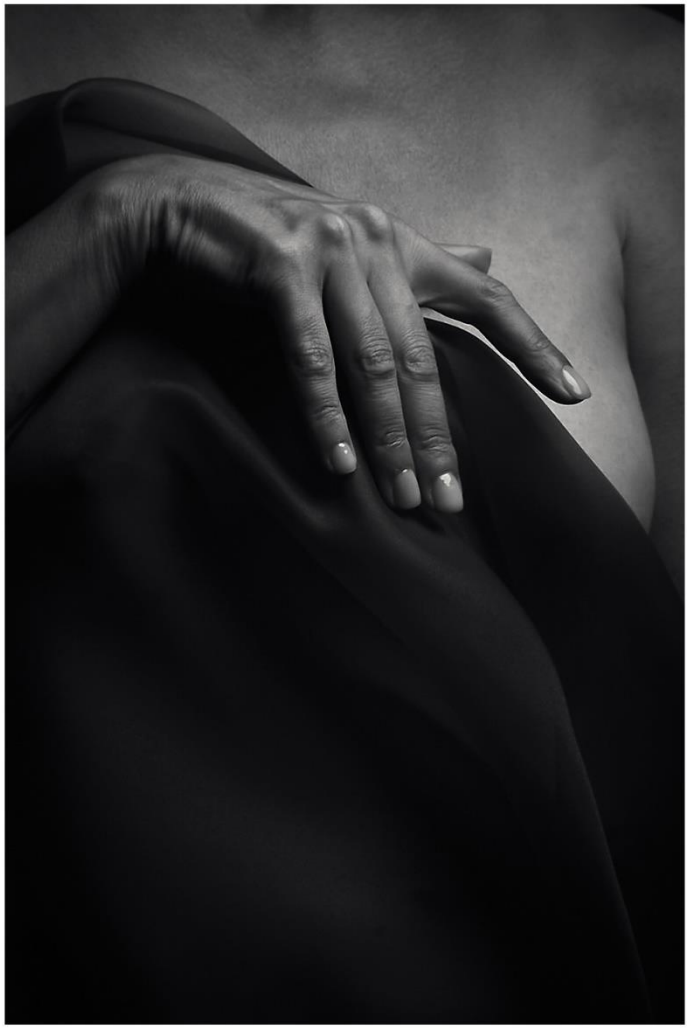

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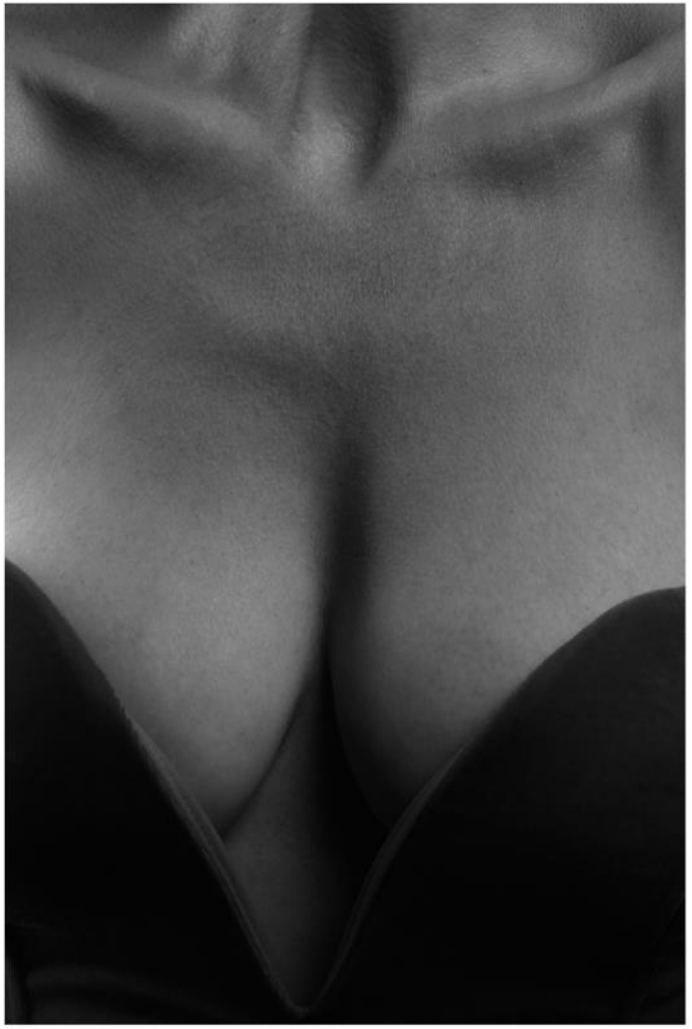

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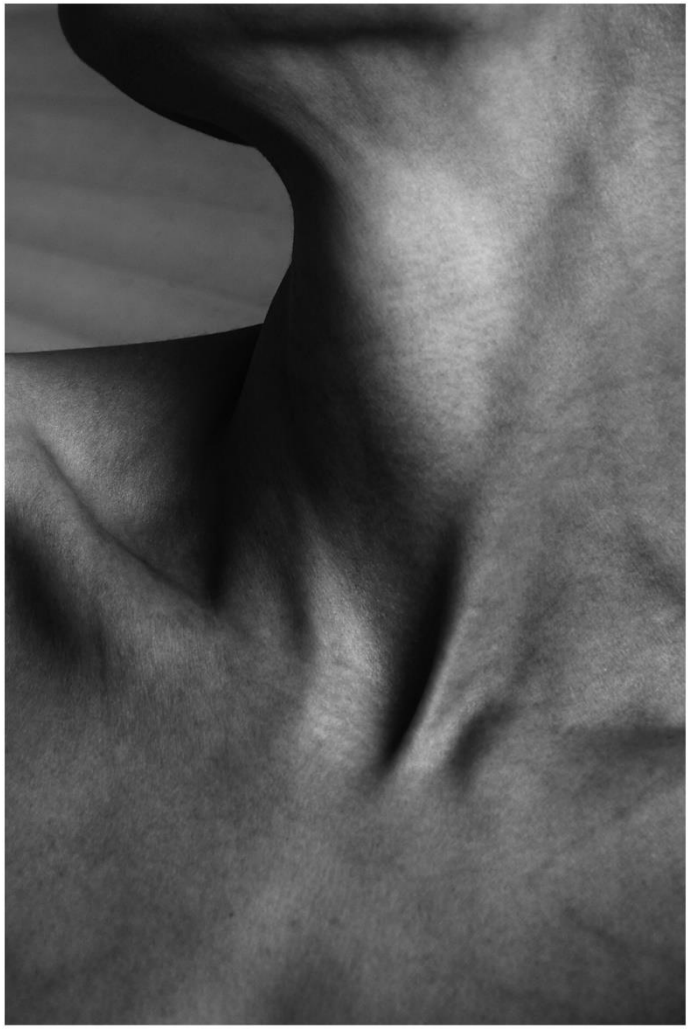

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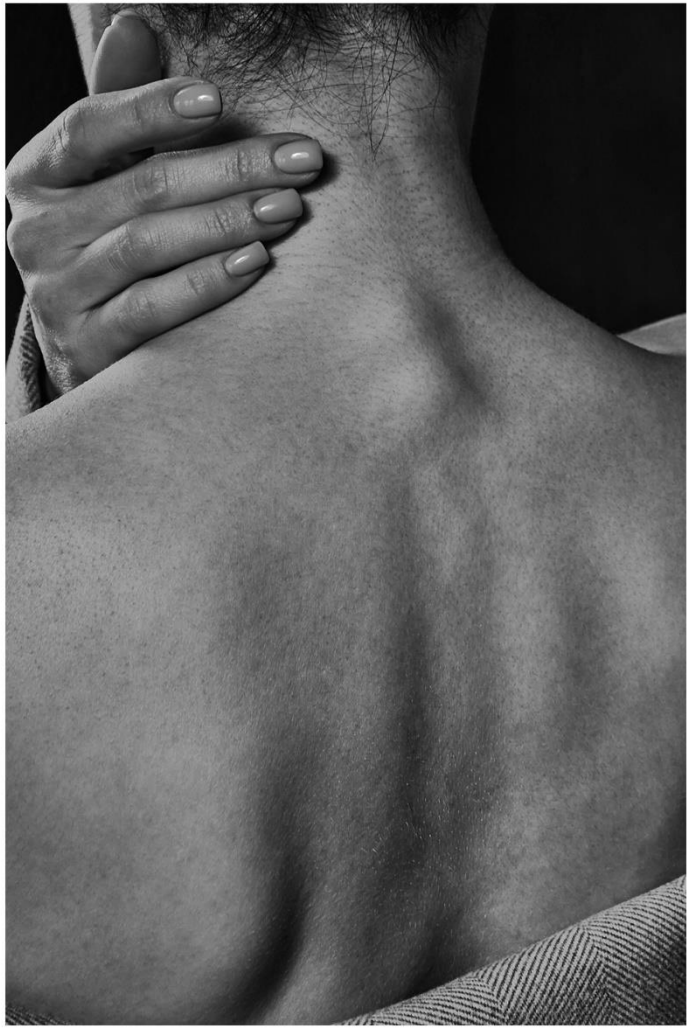

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