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MARGUERITE OELOFSE - OUR HEART
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"While science continues to investigate the heart's role in emotion, intuition and communication, these ideas become a poetic framework through which I contemplate my relationship with my donor, exploring the unseen dialogue between our shared heart and the emotional intelligence that connects us across time."

- Marguerite Oelofse.

Marguerite Oelofse is an award-winning South African photographer known for her painterly approach to visual storytelling. Her work blends art and narrative to create images rich in texture, emotion and atmosphere, drawing inspiration from classical painting and natural light.

On 26 February 2026, one of her images was exhibited at the Roger Ballen Centre for Photography as part of Fashion_The Image, dedicated to African fashion. Alongside her commercial practice, she has lectured in photography, contributes to Jan the Journal, and was named one of South Africa's photographic greats by The Sunday Times.



Sacrifice, 2026

Photographic Print
Print Size A1 841x 594 cm
Framed 921 x 674 cm

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My name is Marguerite, and more than 25 years ago I received a heart transplant in Cape Town. On 16 July 2000, at just 17 years old, I was given a second life under the care of Dr Susan Vosloo, Africa's first female heart surgeon. This body of work is expressed through both portraiture and still life, and is a meditation on survival, gratitude, and becoming – told through my lens as both photographer and subject.

Truth, for me, is not abstract. It is something I carry within my body. To live with another woman's heart is both a medical reality and something that feels, even now, beyond logic – an inexplicable intervention. This is my truth: not something I can escape, only something I can learn to honour. This series reflects what it means to live after being given life. It speaks to the fragile threshold between loss and continuation, and to the unseen bond between two women who never met, yet share one beating heart.



Spiral of Time, 2025

Photographic Print
Print Size A1 841x 594 cm
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Our Heart, 2025

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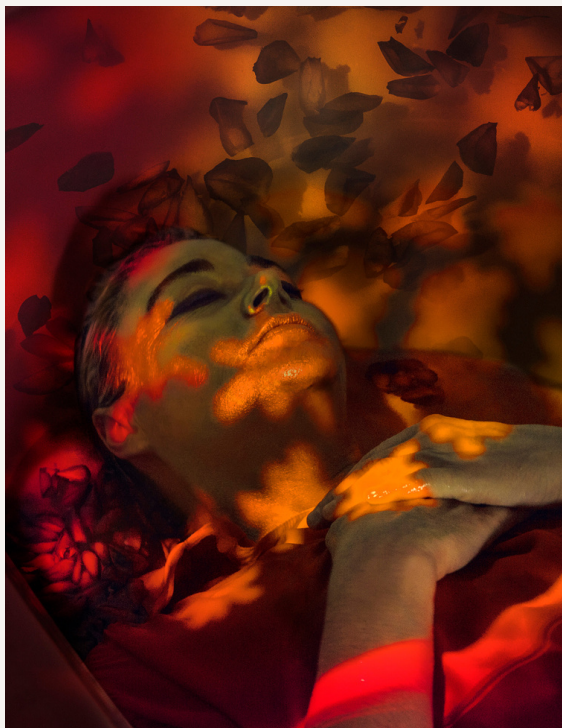
Weighing of Souls, 2026

Photographic Print

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Rebirth, 2026

Photographic Print
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Funeral Mask, 2026

Photographic Print
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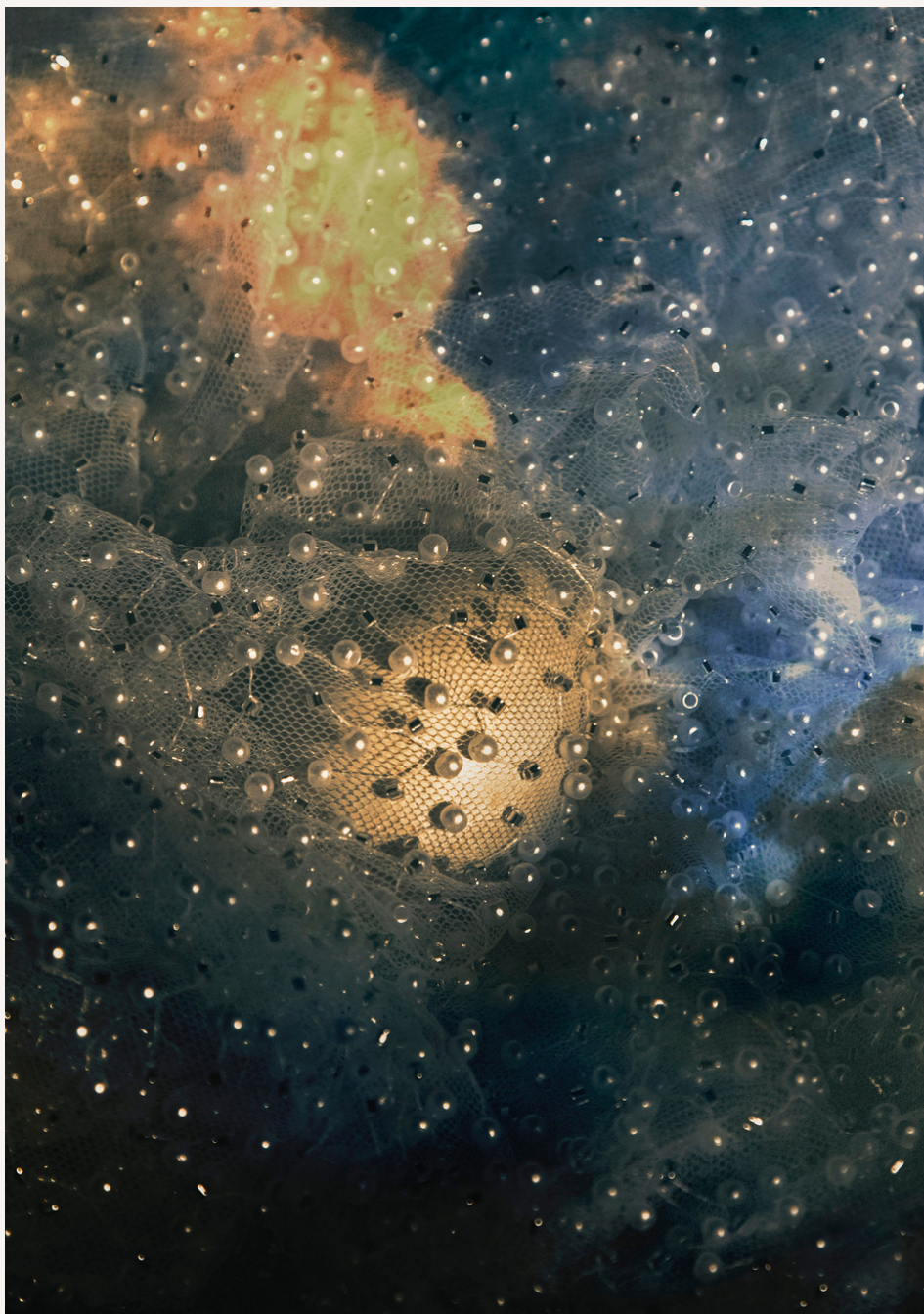
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Omne Trium Perfectum
(all things in threes are perfect)
2026

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Cosmic Creation, 2026

Photographic Print

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Two is One, 2025

Photographic Print

Print Size A2 594 x 420 cm

Framed 674 x 500 cm

R15 300



Heart, 2026

Photographic Print
Print Size A2 594 x 420 cm
Framed 674 x 500 cm

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Blood Moon Eclipse, 2026

Photographic Print

Print Size A2 594 x 420 cm

Framed 674 x 500 cm

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Reflections of My Life, 2026

Photographic Print

Print Size A2 594 x 420 cm

Framed 674 x 500 cm

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She is From The Sea, 2026

Photographic Print

Print Size A2 594 x 420 cm

Framed 674 x 500 cm

R15 300



Altar of My Heart, 2026

Photographic Print
Print Size A2 594 x 420 cm
Framed 674 x 500 cm

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Sacred Heart, 2026

Photographic Print

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