

CHICAGO LIGHTS

By Abigail Zoe Martin

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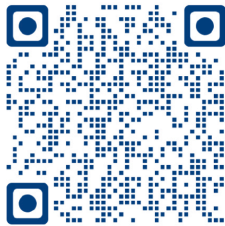
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The Exhibition presents:

81 photographic portraits of various sizes, framed.



81 captions with a barcode visitors can scan to listen to one minute of the conversation Martin had with the person photographed.



24. STEVEN DYME

Co-Founder and CEO of Flowers for Dreams,
photographed in a company van outside their
headquarters in West Hubbard St., West Town.

LEAD

18 sound stations, each associated with a particular theme, also with a barcode linking them to recordings that took place all over the city.

Different ambient sounds - from planes flying overhead in Chinatown and kids cheering at a baseball game in Lincoln Park to people chatting in a neighborhood café on the South Side - bring the city to life, adding flavor and authenticity to the show.

<p>1</p> <p>HER</p> <p>NODA FLAUGAN, #10 Original Theater Teller Dancy Douch</p> <p>DR. LAUREN STRECHER, #12 Professor of Linguistics and Synecdoche</p> <p>CARINA SHIBEL, #11 Founder of plus size business group Femme Fabulous and plus size website</p> <p>LEE DODDER, #12 CEO, Chicago Bears, Ex-High School Principal</p> <p>BRANCA SMITH, #11 Editor-in-Chief, Journalist</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>HEAL</p> <p>DR. LAURA BERNIA, #12 CEO, Love and Relationship Expert</p> <p>DR. SUSAN LIPSHITZ, #12 Psychiatrist and Second Femme Archive</p> <p>JEANNE WALNUT, #12 CEO, The Culture Project</p> <p>ASTERA MARIN, #12 Multi-Tasker, Personal Clinical Psychologist</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>PERFORM</p> <p>ANTHONY MOSCILEY, #12 Executive and Artist, Director of Collaboration Theatre Company</p> <p>DIANE DODDER, #12 Cultural Performer, Director</p> <p>JO JO BERRY, #12 Performance Artist, Support Worker, DJ, Collector</p> <p>BEA CORRELLA, #12 Writer, Performer, Actor, Poet</p> <p>DANIEL KYRI, #12 Artist, Director, Writer</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>HIM</p> <p>KEN BENNETT, #12 Political Strategist</p> <p>ON PINK, #12 Co-Founder of Healy, Mixed Martial Arts, Co-founder</p> <p>ISRAEL CORRELLA, #12 Founder of Chicago's LGBTQ+ Artists and Writers Alliance</p> <p>OWEN KOSCH, #12 Poet, Actor, Writer</p> <p>NATT FLAUGAN, #12 Lecturer, Chicago Film Department</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>WORDS</p> <p>TIM KAZDINSKY, #12 Co-CEO, B. Sound City Day, Writer, Director</p> <p>MARY CARTER, #12 Best-selling Author</p> <p>IVANA TAYLOR, #12 Management Consultant, Author</p> <p>VECTOR RAD, #12 Founder, The Experience Institute and Design Professor</p> <p>AYMAR JEAN CHRISTIAN, #12 Founder, Jean Christian and Academic Professor</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>SONG</p> <p>JOE GEORGE, #12 Songwriter, Producer</p> <p>BEN WACKER, #12 Lead Singer, Punk Co.</p> <p>ELI WILSON, #12 Songwriter, Producer</p> <p>KARLA LAMAR, #12 Visual Performance Artist, Songwriter, Actress</p> 
<p>7</p> <p>LEAD</p> <p>JELENA STRATTON, #12 Novelist, Lecturer, Professor for Black Studies</p> <p>STEVEN DYME, #12 Co-Founder, Theater for Dreams</p> <p>KATHLEEN HENDON, #12 Founder and CEO, Agency, RB</p> <p>FRANCA ROONEY, #12 Founder and CEO, RB</p> <p>JESSIE WHITE, #11 Secretary of State</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>LOVE</p> <p>BEA SANDON, #12 Dating and Relationship Expert</p> <p>CANDACE JORDAN, #12 Chicago's Most Powerful Columnist, Co-Founder, Journalist</p> <p>JEANNE WALNUT, #12 CEO, The Culture Project</p> <p>JASON SMITH, #12 Producer and Writer, Founder of the Apollo Theater</p> <p>JULIE BROWN, #12 Fighting, Storm Manager, Lead</p> <p>DANIEL STRECHER, #12 Music, Writer</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>GUIDE</p> <p>DAVID OLSON, #12 Founder and Director of Salt and Light, which helps establish roots of human history</p> <p>ERIK OBI, #12 Jazz, Film and Theater, On-Line Group</p> <p>BEVERLY TARR, #12 Director and Artist, Theater</p> <p>MARK MURPHY, #12 Founder, The Institute of Global Translanguaging</p> <p>DAVID, #12 Co-Founder, The Image Project for Kids</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>EARTH</p> <p>ORNA ALON, #12 Co-Founder, Urban Growers Collective, Urban Farmer</p> <p>NAMAN GABRIEL, #12 Urban Growers and Urban Farmer</p> <p>LOUIS MEE NOBLE, #12 Professor at the School of the Art Institute and Terrestrial Designer</p> <p>TIFFANY WOODWARD, #12 Lawn Manager, Environmentalist</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>LIGHT</p> <p>ARJUN RUTTER, #12 Founder and Executive Director of Breakthrough</p> <p>FATHER PLEDER, #12 Roman Catholic Priest, Social Activist</p> <p>ANNA VALLENCA, #12 CEO, City of Chicago</p> <p>TAMARA COOPER, #12 CEO, Not Strategic Group</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>CRAFT</p> <p>JOHNFOR REEDER, #12 Award-Winning Film Director and Professor</p> <p>ANAND, JORDAN, #12 Fashion Designer, Founder of Novel</p> <p>JESSICA DEAN, #12 Fashion Designer of LUNA Fire Ceramics</p> <p>ESTHER GARCIA, #12 Fashion Artist, Textile Designer</p> <p>KRISTEN STICKNEY, #12 Open to Photographer</p> 
<p>13</p> <p>CREATE</p> <p>NAN ECKHARDT, #12 Creative Director, Urban Dance Company</p> <p>SARAH RADLEY, #12 Artist, Art Therapist</p> <p>DAVID BENTLEY, #12 New York Museum Contemporary Artists</p> <p>GEORGINA WILSON, #12 Co-Founder, The Female Filmmaker, Artist</p> <p>SON BRIDON, #12 Musician and Designer</p> <p>ANNE BRIDON, #12 Designer and Designer</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>CHICAGO</p> <p>MATTHEW BROWN, #12 Born in Chicago, Chicago</p> <p>MARK KIRK, #12 New President for Chicago</p> <p>JOHN JEFFREY AND CLAUDE MORGAN, #12 Co-Founders, Chicago's First LGBTQ+ Museum</p> <p>CANDACE JORDAN, #12 Chicago's Most Powerful Columnist, Co-Founder, Journalist</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>CITY</p> <p>THOMAS KIRKMAN, #12 Founder, RB, Architecture</p> <p>JASON SMITH, #12 Producer, Writer, Founder of the Apollo Theater</p> <p>NAN ECKHARDT, #12 Artist, Director, Urban Dance Company</p> <p>DAVID BENTLEY, #12 New York Museum Contemporary Artists</p> <p>SON BRIDON, #12 Musician and Designer</p> <p>CANDACE JORDAN, #12 Chicago's Most Powerful Columnist, Co-Founder, Journalist</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>EAT</p> <p>JANE LAURITA, #12 Founder of EAT, Artist, Designer and TV Host</p> <p>CAROL DUFFY, #12 Mixed Media Artist and Restaurateur</p> <p>DAVID, #12 VIBE, Theater, Chicago's First LGBTQ+ Museum</p> <p>BRUNO ABATE, #12 Chef and Founder of Recipe for Change</p> <p>JASON CHAN, #12 Award-Winning Restaurateur, Mixed Media Artist, Director of Stage 10, Theater, Director of Stage 10, Theater</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>MILLENNIAL</p> <p>KEN BENNETT, #12 Political Strategist</p> <p>KYLE SANDER, #12 Program Assistant, Northwestern University</p> <p>ADRIANA BROWN, #12 Advertising Campaign Assistant</p> <p>JENNIFER DUFFY, #12 Hardworker</p> <p>MADISON MATTHEW, #12 Barista and Designer</p> <p>TIFFANY WOODWARD, #12 Lawn Manager</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>HEALTH</p> <p>DR. LAUREN STRECHER, #12 Professor of Linguistics and Synecdoche</p> <p>DR. BRIAN COLE, #12 Professor of Linguistics and Synecdoche</p> <p>DR. THOMAS RADLEY, #12 Founder and Director of The Holy Institute for Regenerative Medicine</p> 

20 quotes from select participants.

*Civilization is not yet done,
we are not yet civilized people.*

—Anthony Museley

*My wish would be to have everyone
realize at one moment that we are on a
rock twirling through space and all
we have is each other.*

—Jo Jo Baby

*I asked the Cardinal here in Chicago,
"Does God call everyone?"; "Yes - but not
too many people answer the phone,"
I answered the call and my life changed.*

—Bruno Abate

*If we stop and really listen with our hearts,
we will connect with one another and
find the good in each other.*

—Juliana Stratton

*Let your freak flag fly and
be exactly who you are.*

—Jaime Laurita

*I chose my apartment as a location for
this shoot because it is my spaceship,
my sanctuary, my cave.*

—Ben Mackay

*A lot of the challenges that we
see in the world are just from
people who are hurt. I think the
world needs a little bit more love.*

—Tarah Cooper

*Accept people for their differences
and embrace them - we don't all
have to be the same.*

—Beverly Tarr

*If you focus on the door that got
slammed on your nose, you're going
to miss the window that just opened up
to the left of it.*

—C M Punk

*The overwhelming thing I
look for in a human being
is kindness.*

—Mark McGreevy

*I absolutely realize that I need nothing but when you
need nothing you attract everything.*

—Jason Chan

*Chicago fights for its place at the table
with New York and LA but that makes it
a lot scrappier.*

—Bryce Rahm Emanuel

*Saving worms from the sidewalk
after a rainstorm brings me joy.*

—Laura Mae Noble

*What are you doing so that somebody
down the line will be glad that you lived?*

—Father Pfleger

*My father always told me that the only thing
you have is your character and integrity. When
you misplace those or you give those up you
have nothing.*

—Anna Valencia

*I like to think of myself
as a living art piece.*

—Jo Jo Baby

*Music is like a religion to me. I've
always felt that the mysteries of life
can be revealed in a well written song.*

—Don Gibson

*For the people able to tolerate
the winter and suck up the cold -
it gives us all personality that you
don't find in many other places.*

—Jennica Owens

*Our approach is one of engagement as opposed to
speaking over people or speaking above people or
below people.*

—Glen Jaffe

A title and introductory text.

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WORD FROM THE ARTIST

I arrived in Chicago in August 2015 from London via Madrid with my husband, our two children, our dog and whatever worldly possessions we could carry. With all our life's belongings on a ship somewhere in the Atlantic, my kids immersed in their new school and my husband in his new job, I felt profoundly displaced.

Our arrival coincided with the election and I found myself craving kindness and authentic connections. This led to my project, which was born out of a desire to find compassionate Chicagoans from all walks of life and highlight our shared humanity. My journey led me, sometimes by chance, to a wonderfully diverse and eclectic range of people, each threaded together by integrity and a sparkling inner light.

My subjects shared their open and unfiltered stories with me, which I have carefully curated for this show. I explored the City through them and the magic of each inspiring encounter lifted my heart and opened my eyes to a world of endless possibilities.

—Abigail Zoe Martin

EXHIBITION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Connect to the wifi.
2. Download a QR Reader from the App Store
3. Download Soundcloud from the App Store
4. Get your headphones ready

There are 81 portraits in the show, all of them have a barcode next to the subject's name.

Please SCAN this barcode. This will take you to Soundcloud where you will hear the subject speak for up to a minute.

Under each portrait, you will find their corresponding sound station title (i.e. HIM, HER, etc.). If you would like to hear more of their conversation, please then go to their sound station.

18 sound stations are positioned on pillars throughout the show and are clearly signed. At each sound station you will find a list of names alongside their job titles and image number. You will also find a barcode.

Please scan this barcode, which will take you to Soundcloud, where you will hear them speak in chronological order.

ARTIST BIO

Born in London, Abigail Zoe Martin has been taking photographs since she was first handed a vintage camera by her father in her teens. Her passion for photography grew when she studied at Miami University for a year in the 90s. After finishing her degree, she assisted art directors and photographers, eventually getting sponsorship for her exhibition "I Must Dance!" in 2002 at The Coningsby Gallery in London. The exhibition launched her career and was covered in Tatler and Time Out as well as on the radio. Since then her work has been published in a wide variety of magazines including Red, Tatler, Easy Living, Psychologies, Schol! Magazine, The Gloss and The Times, amongst others. In 2013 a selection of Martin's images of BBC Radio 4 Presenters were exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery and are now part of their permanent collection. In 2015 Abigail moved to Chicago, where she currently lives and blogs about her journey, leading to Chicago Lights.

Website: www.abigailzoeartin.com
Blog: www.chicagostoriesblog.com
Instagram: [chicagolights_portraits](https://www.instagram.com/chicagolights_portraits)
Soundcloud: Chicago Lights

PLEASE NOTE

There is a small time-lapse of about 7 seconds, between scanning the barcode and hearing the sound, so please be patient.

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The full-length interviews will be posted to Abigail's blog over the next few months, so if you enjoy what you hear today, please do check back in to hear more.

The photographs in the exhibition are available to purchase in two sizes, with 20 percent of the proceeds benefiting Breakthrough, a non-profit organization in East Garfield Park which partners with those affected by poverty to build connections, develop skills and open the doors of opportunity.

For more information, please contact Abigail Zoe Martin directly.

Chicago Lights made its world debut at the Zhou B Art Center in Chicago. The exhibition ran from November 18, 2018 to January 8, 2019 and welcomed close to 1,000 people at the opening alone.



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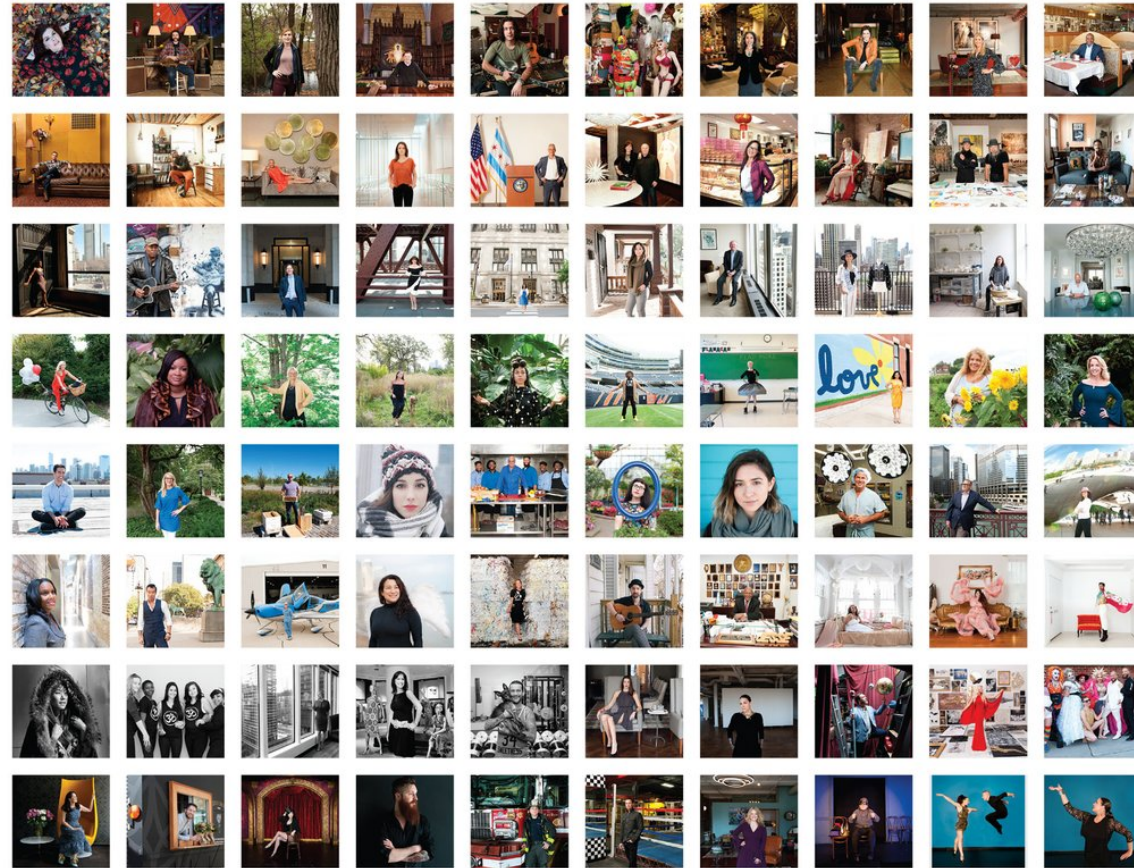
The sound excerpts in the exhibition present a wide variety of subjects including love, politics, food, mothering, gender, relationships, poverty, body issues, spirituality and everything in between. They all are available on the *Chicago Lights* Soundcloud page:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-705921943-493480103>

CHICAGO LIGHTS / THE BOOK

A coffee table book was published in January 2019 by Weeva.

C H I C A G O L I G H T S



ABIGAIL ZOE MARTIN

Book Details:

9" x 11" Premium hardcover book with full color dust jacket
230 pages, and 79 exceptional portraits of 81 unique Chicagoans
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