

Love exalts us¹

Georgia seen through the eyes of an Israeli photographer

About the photographer Alon Melamed

I was born in Haifa in 1968. I am married and a father to 2 daughters, and currently live in Nes-Ziona. Photography for me is a primary tool for expressing my creativity. I have been photographing for over 30 years mainly landscapes and portraits around the world. The energy between man to its environment has always fascinated me. Every moment holds a situation that never returns, a moment that I want to capture.

You can see more of my work on my website, www.alongallery.com



About the exhibition

This exhibition presents photographs from a visit to Georgia during autumn 2016. An old Georgian folk tale tells that when God reached the Georgians, after already dividing the land to all the other nations, he found them feasting, drinking and singing. The Georgians invited him to join, and God was so impressed by their kindness and happiness – that he decided to give them the piece of land that he had kept for himself. And indeed, every visitor to Georgia cannot remain indifferent to the beauty of the land and the generosity of its inhabitants. And so I couldn't. I was fortunate to meet warm and welcoming people, living in beautiful cities, surrounded by breathtaking nature. I moved across the country feeling secure and welcomed, enjoying the best of Georgian hospitality. Georgia is one of the most ancient civilizations in Europe, and its history has ties with Israel since its very early days.

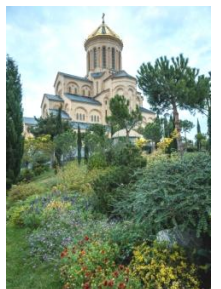


The exhibition is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Georgia's First Democratic Republic. It is also dedicated to my father, Ami Melamed, who passed away just a few days before the opening of this exhibition, and is not here with us to see it. May he rest in peace.

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¹ The sentence "Love Exalts Us" is taken from the known poem by Shota Rustaveli, "The Knight in the Panther's Skin", which was written in the 12th century while Rustavli was in exile from Georgia to Jerusalem.