

MOTHER INDIA SCHOOL
RACALMUTO: "EXTRAORDINARY LAND"
PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
WITH SHOBHA
IN SICILY
13-17 JULY 2013

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"We all love the country where we were born, but Racalmuto is truly an amazing land...Everybody are as characters in search of an author"

Leonardo Sciascia

The workshop "Extraordinary Land" (inspired by the name of the permanent exhibition in the rooms of the castle of Chiaramonte Racalmuto), is lead by Shobha. It is the ideal opportunity to implement and enrich this wealth of images of great photographers, with the experience and the sensitivity of those who will want to confront and deal with a place in which are interwoven in a complex plot, words, pictures, memories, literature, writing, story, fantasy, complaint.

The workshop takes place on the days when, in Racalmuto-Regalpetra explodes the feast, half a millennium old, dedicated to Our Lady of the Mount.

"Red fiesta, screaming bunch of joy," Sciascia wrote, recounting the frenzy Baroque and Spanish style.

In short, a challenge for those who want to confront the places of the Italian Civil great novel, in the microcosm, already investigated by some great masters of the image, in a land of high density literature.

Gaetano Savatteri

THE WORKSHOP Duration: 5 days

The workshop will be presented at the opening of the photographic exhibition:

"extraordinary land" by the journalist and writer Gaetano Savatteri and drafting of "In spite of everything." It's a workshop ideal for those who want to retrace the literary and poetic photographic memory of those places. Shobha will help you look and highlight your photographic quality by encouraging you in your search.

13 to 14 July: Feast of our Lady of the Mount, compared by Leonardo Sciascia to Pamplona fiesta that Hemingway describes in the novel.

July 13 - Saturday evening – **PRESA DEL CILIO DEI BORGESI** (the fight for the conquest of the flag which is raised on a wooden framework).

July 14 - Sunday morning – **"ACCHIANATA DEI CAVALLI"**: (the harnessed horses festival dates back centuries. The horses climb the steps of the sanctuary, enter the church and light the votive candle before the statue of Our Lady).

July 14 - Sunday evening - **PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT** and fireworks.

July 15 - Monday - Visit to the "places of memory" of the writer Leonardo Sciascia, near Racalmuto.

July 16 - Tuesday morning – External shooting

July 16 - Afternoon - Editing and post-production of the projects.

July 17 - Wednesday – Presentations of their photographic projects to the public and delivery of certificates, at the Castle Chiaramontano.

Shobha will view the photographs daily, we will be guests in one of the old rooms of the Castle Chiaramontano.

We recommend that you read: "Le Parrocchie di Regalpetra" by Leonardo Sciascia and /or an ideal extension "I ragazzi di Regalpetra" by Gaetano Savatteri.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND COSTS

Enrolment fee: € 450.00 and does not include travel, accommodations and meals.

ADMISSION:

You must have a digital SLR camera and a laptop computer

It is advisable to carry everything you need for digital photography

- Memory cards, batteries at least two body
- Memory card reader for downloading images.
- Software Photoshop or Lightroom, to display and process images
- Burning software or external hard drive
- Power strip

Those interested must fill out the registration form that we will send you via email and carry a selection of up to ten individual photo prints or projects in the format you prefer.

DEADLINE: 25 June 2013

ABOUT THE TRIP:

ACCOMMODATION:

B&B located in Contrada Noce right next to the old house in which Sciascia wrote most of his books. Opportunity to stay in double and single rooms (double room for single use € 30.00, € 25.00 single room, double room € 20,00 per person including breakfast). In the case of all places will recommend other accommodation options. We will give you all the information on how to reach Racalmuto Italy.

FLIGHTS:

Racalmuto is in the province of Agrigento. The nearest airport is Palermo or Trapani Birgi to, where several low cost airlines, including Ryanair. From Agrigento you can reach Racalmuto by train or bus. For those arrive at Palermo airport, let us know and we can arrange the trip to Racalmuto with other members.

SHOBHA

Shobha was born in Palermo, Italy, daughter of Letizia Battaglia.

In 1980 she starts photo reporting for the daily newspaper "L'Ora". Her pictures portray Sicily's political and social world during the years of the "mafia war".

Now she lives between Italy and India, where she likes to tell, through photography and video, poetic stories, the invisible India that not makes to the news.

Her images always depict social and international issues, with special attention to women.

She has published on the most important national and international newspapers: Corriere della Sera, La Repubblica-D, Espresso, Geo, Stern, Vanity Fair, Der Spiegel, The Sunday Times and New York Times, Die Zeit Magazine.

1998 Shobha receives the World Press Photo award for "Gli ultimi Gattopardi" (Last Liopards) a reportage on Sicily's aristocracy.

2001 Shobha is awarded the Hansel-Mieth Preis for the reportage "Church and the Mafia" with journalist Petra Reski.

2002 Shobha receives again the World Press Photo award with "Gli angeli della Medina" (The angels of Medina) a reportage on African fashion of the stylist Oumou-Sy.

2004 She receives the Prix Giacomelli dedicated to the photographer Osvaldo Buzzi.

2010 She was awarded the CIVITAS, for the courageous civil and social commitment, a symbol of friendship between Italy and India.

2012 She is invited to participate at the first edition of the Ragusa Festival Photos with a photographic exhibition and video - "When the acid disfigures the soul". Bangladesh 2010 and at Nissa Photo Art in Caltanissetta.

2012 She participates at the International Festival of Photojournalism held in Perpignan with a project of minors about clandestine horses racing.

2012 Photo Gallery Luigi Ghirri, Caltagirone "Storia d'amore (Love Story) - nine special boys photograph Palermo with Shobha."

She lives between India and Italy, where she is pursuing the project Mother India School, between photographic workshop and volunteering.

Since 1991 Shobha is a member of the Contrasto Agency: www.contrasto.it



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