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Sophie Rivera, *Untitled*, ca. 1980s.
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Announcing *Sophie Rivera: Double Exposures*

The first monograph of the late, pioneering artist accompanies the first museum survey of her work, opening in April at El Museo del Barrio

New York, December 9, 2025—Next spring, Aperture will release *Sophie Rivera: Double Exposures*, the first major monograph tracing the career of the late, groundbreaking artist Sophie Rivera (1938–2021; born in New York). Fully bilingual in English and Spanish, *Double Exposures* brings together photographs, contact sheets, and artist statements with vivid scholarship that places Rivera at the center of Latine and feminist art and within the history of contemporary photography in the US.

The monograph is published on the occasion of *Sophie Rivera: Double Exposures*, the first museum survey dedicated to Rivera, organized by Susanna V. Temkin. A long-overdue reevaluation of Rivera's contributions to photography and Nuyorican visual culture, the exhibition is presented by El Museo del Barrio, New York, and will be on view from April 23 through August 3, 2026.

Renowned for her iconic Latino Portrait series taken in her Upper Manhattan neighborhood, Rivera began her career in the 1970s, becoming part of a coalition of artists who sought to counter negative depictions of Latinos in US popular culture. These portraits, later titled *Revelations* for a public art presentation in the New York City subway, as well as her street photographs, cityscapes, graffiti-art photographs, and experimental self-portraits, bolstered Rivera's standing as a trailblazing artist who engaged with feminist and political consciousness.

The publication was made possible, in part, with generous support from the Henry Luce Foundation, Mellon Foundation, and Ford Foundation. *Sophie Rivera: Double Exposures* is copublished by Aperture and El Museo del Barrio and will be available next season at aperture.org/books.

Sophie Rivera (1938–2021; born in New York) was an artist and photographer of Puerto Rican descent. A participant in various feminist and women's artist groups, she was also a member and instructor at En Foco, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to US-based photographers of diverse cultures. Rivera is best known for her Latino Portrait series, which helped redefine Puerto Rican identity in the United States.

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