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Vashon Artist In Residence

How do we slow down our lives in order to connect with other beings, most importantly in nature and with animals? How can we be present with the world so that instead of attaining we truly live in the bodies and minds we have been given instead of wanting and needing more? If we are at peace with ourselves we will treat others with respect and nature too.

Annie Marie explores these ideas in her photography. For the artist in residence program she plans to explore the poetry of animals and nature, how we can cherish them more so we transform our lives and theirs for the better.

Bio

Annie Marie Musselman is dramatically inspired by the human-animal connection. After spending two years helping an injured raven rehabilitate, she became focused on transcending this experience for others in her art. She believes that true kinship with animals may transform our lives. Her award-winning books chronicle this subject: *Finding Trust (Kehrer Verlag Germany)* and *Wolf Haven (Sasquatch-Random House)* and *Lobos (Random House)*

Finding Trust received the German Photo Book award as well as one PDN's selected books of the year. Musselman's work has appeared on the covers of Audubon, Smithsonian, and Outside magazine and inside The New Yorker, Rolling Stone, and National Geographic among others.

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