

PAULETTE TAVORMINA

Biography

Paulette Tavormina lives and works in New York City and Connecticut. Amidst the bustle that defines the city and the tranquility of the country orchards, she can often be found searching for the perfectly imperfect flora that characterize her photographs. Her arrangements often recall the sumptuous detail of seventeenth-century Old Master still life painters, and serve as intensely personal interpretations of timeless, universal stories. With a painterly perspective reminiscent of Francisco de Zurbarán, Adriaen Coorte, Juan Sánchez Cotán, and Giovanna Garzoni, Tavormina creates worldly still lives.

Tavormina also has a successful career as a commercial photographer; recently shooting Gucci's Alchemist's Garden perfume campaign. She has photographed works of art for Sotheby's, fragrances for GOOP, and recipes for *The Del Posto Cookbook* (Hachette) with chef, Mark Ladner. She has been commissioned by *National Geographic Magazine* and *The New York Times*, among others. Previously, Tavormina was a prop and food stylist in Hollywood, her work seen on the silver screen in seven films such as *Nixon*, *The Astronaut's Wife*, *A Little Princess*, and *The Perfect Storm*.

Tavormina is a recipient of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant. Her monograph, *Paulette Tavormina: Seizing Beauty* (Monacelli Press, 2016) was reviewed by *The New York Times* and *Architectural Digest*.

Tavormina's photographs are held in museum, corporate and private collections and have been exhibited in Paris, London, Moscow, Lugano, Madrid, New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Palm Beach, Boston, Palm Desert and San Francisco.

Solo Museum Shows

The Academy Art Museum, Easton, Maryland, 2016

Snite Museum of Art at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana, 2016

Museum Collections

Alimentarium, Musée de l'Alimentation, Vevey, Switzerland

Art in Embassies, US Department of State, Washington D.C.

Boise Art Museum, Boise, ID

Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI

Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida FL

Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN