

## ILLUMINATING 20 BERLINS – EPISODE ONE: MITTE

I was drawn to Berlin as a city that speaks to my artistic style of creating a luminous contemporary view of the urban cityscape. The architectural design in Berlin cuts across timelines from ultra- modern contemporary to finely chiseled reproductions of bygone eras. Moving through the city's vast area, 344 sq miles and 20 historic districts, I seek to capture its culture, history, resilience, and uninhibited coolness. Behind my images of Berlin are fascinating stories now revealed in *Illuminating 20 Berlins, Episode One Mitte*. Mitte, the original Berlin, is history and tradition wrapped into the vibrance of the present day. This book is the first in a planned series of this enduring and fascinating city.

*Illuminating 20 Berlins* – How it began.

Berlin grabbed me, spun me around, and said “Hey, let’s dance!” I felt an awesome rush when I first saw the Brandenburg Gate and discovered this historic city’s iconic landmarks. Hidden venues known only to the locals drew me in, I wanted to learn more and explore more deeply. There were compelling connections to what I love - photography, urban design, contemporary culture, and my German heritage....and “Oh Yes, coffee houses.” I extended my hand and heart and happily replied “Yes, let’s dance.”

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