



#### Roller Derby Portraiture, Volume 3 by David Carrales

### About the Texas Rollergirls...

The Texas Rollergirls are the originators of Flat Track Derby. We started the sport in Austin, Texas and it's spread to hundreds of cities around the world. Our founders (Annie Social, Bettie Rage, Electra Blu, Hydra, Strawberry, and Wrench) revised the old school rules, designed the track, and set the standard for what a Rollergirl can be in the new milliennium.

We have four home teams: Hell Marys, Honky Tonk Heartbreakers, Hotrod Honeys and the Hustlers.

We have an all-star travel team, the Texas Rollergirls Travel Team, made up of members from all four home teams. Our all-stars compete internationally as the Texecutioners (A) and the Chainsaws (B).

We have our Recreational League. The Rec League is for retired, beginner, and any other skaters who just want a taste of the action without the tryouts, time-commitment, and competitiveness of the main league.

https://www.texasrollergirls.org/

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"My interest in photographing Roller Derby came about from a previous experience shooting the subject in 2009. At that time, I thought although the action during the game was compelling, I was drawn to the still moments and the opportunity for portraiture."



Tx Chainsaw Kassacre

Jammit Janet

Thugs Bunny

Fleur de Lethal

"When I shot Roller Derby in 2017, I had the same revelation. Although I was intrigued by the expressions I was capturing in the heat of the action, it was the still moments that piqued my interest. After documenting images during the games, I decided I wanted to make full length portraits, providing minimal direction, hoping to create an environment for the skaters to express themselves genuinely and perhaps blur the line between self and their roller derby persona."

The Texas Rollergirls Portraiture Project started in July 2017. Portrait were initially taken during the season ending Champs Doubleheader and featured in the 2017 East Austin Studio Tour exhibition, *Hey There, Rollergirl!* 

The portraits in this collection were taken in July 2019.

David Carrales Photographer

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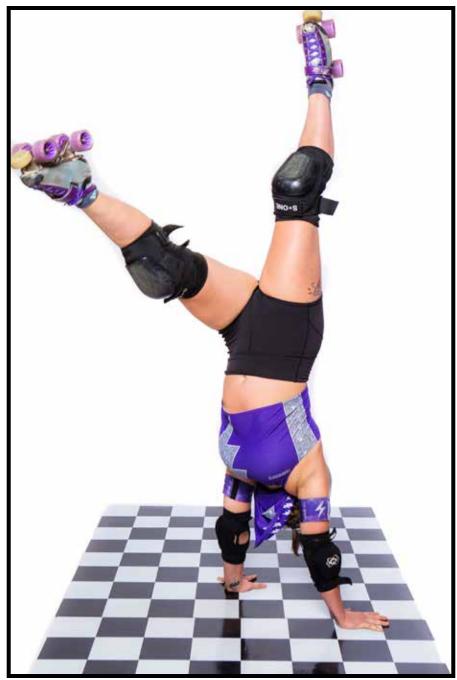
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## About the Photographer...

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