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ONE NIGHT ONLY: DISCOVER EL CORAZON

- Sellwood-based photographer to showcase intriguing collection of fine art photography -

PORTLAND, OR - October 10, 2011 – For one night only: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, from 6 - 9 pm, local photographer Kim Campbell will display work from her new collection of fine art photography.

Inspired by a love of vintage costumery, curious props, vivid imagery and psychological exploration, Campbell has crafted an assortment of exquisitely complex and soulful images, taking fine art portraiture to an exciting new place.

Dubbed *El Corazon* (Spanish for "the heart"), this eye-grabbing assortment of dreamlike images uses children as subjects, and asks viewers to question the simplicity of childhood. Interpretations may be literal, symbolic, culturally evocative or even mythological in nature.

As Campbell explains, "As an art therapist and photographer, I revel in the psychological perceptions within the art-making and viewing experience. I explore emotion and creativity, mining for an inner wonderland of experiences in my subjects' childhoods. This is what compels my work, and is the soul of my *El Corazón* portrait series."

Campbell's husband of 18 years, sculptor Francisco Salgado, hails from Mexico City. Thus Campbell feels a strong connection to the culture and traditions of Mexico as part of a multi-cultural family. It is therefore no coincidence that she has chosen November 2nd to unveil *El Corazon*. In Mexico, November 2 is celebrated as *el Dia de los Muertos* (the [Day of the Dead](#).) Accordingly, this debut of Campbell's *El Corazon* collection will feature imagery related to the Day of the Dead: *Enmascarados* (the masked ones), *Los Soñadores* (the little dreamers) and the [Lotería](#) (Mexican Bingo.)

[Old Portland Hardware & Architectural](#) will provide a gorgeously moody backdrop of antique doors, windows and keys, against which Campbell will display her evocative imagery. Meanwhile, several of the masked children featured in the *El Corazon* series will be on hand to run a rousing game of [Loteria](#). Rounding out the festivities will be a Day of the Dead altar to add an offering too, Mexican pastries to sample, wine and a variety of delicious chocolate truffles from Portland's own [Missionary Chocolates](#).

Old Portland Hardware & Architectural is located at 4035 Southeast Division St, Portland, OR 97202. The *El Corazon* event begins promptly at 6 pm.

About Kim Campbell: A Portland-based professional photographer with a degree in Art Therapy, Campbell has been building a collection of evocative fine art portraits since 2007. In 2008 & 2009 her work received Honorable Mentions in American Photo Magazine's annual Images of the Year collections. To learn more about Kim Campbell, please visit her website at www.aphotographerswonderland.com or call 503-951-8547.

About Old Portland Hardware and Architectural: Old Portland Hardware & Architectural is 5000 square feet of antique lighting, hardware, stained glass windows, and a thousand other funky finds from Portland and across the country. From the simple to the exquisite, the dollar bins to artisan master pieces, we have something for everybody. <http://www.oldportlandhardware.com/>

About Missionary Chocolates: Melissa Berry, N.D. (a naturopathic physician & chocolatier) and her sister Vanessa Holden, founded Missionary Chocolates in 2008 with the "mission" of building a complementary health center in Portland, funded by chocolate. Delicious and allergy-friendly, Missionary Chocolates are just what the doctor ordered. <http://www.missionarychocolates.com/>