



# LEKHA SINGH

WOMEN CARRY THE WORLD

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DE L'HOMME

**Photo exhibition**  
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Millions of women carry millions of pounds, across millions of miles on this planet. On their heads, backs, shoulders or arms, for centuries, they have carried children, transported firewood, water, food, stones or mountains of cotton. Through this exhibition, which reveals the spectacular burdens that weigh on them, the American photographer Lekha Singh pays tribute to the women of the planet. In their own way, each of them carry a part of the world.

**Lekha Singh is an American visual artist. Enjoying an international reputation, she has had the opportunity to travel all over the world, and to draw artistic inspiration from her travels.** She has exhibited her photographic work, since 2004, in American museums in New York, Los Angeles, Dallas, Washington D.C. and San Francisco. Her work can be found in permanent collections such as LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art), ICP (the International Center of Photography, New York), Ruben Museum of Art (New York), among others. Singh has published her photographs in several books such as *The Other Side of War*, *Women's Stories of Survival & Hope*. She is also recognized for her documentaries : in 2012, she directed *Beyond Right and Wrong : Stories of Justice and Forgiveness*, a film that explores the role of forgiveness in the search for justice in Rwanda, Israel / Palestine, and Northern Ireland.

**From June 29, 2022 to January 2, 2023, the Musée de l'Homme presents, in the Foyer Germaine Tillion, approximately fifty unpublished portraits of women who « carry the world »,**



**I found in my travels that women are little engines that transport heavy loads across many miles. This non-motorized mode of transporting heavy objects is what seems to get the visible bulk of work done. Every single day. »**

Lekha Singh

**photographed during her travels.** These pictures, which transport us to India, Tanzania, Morocco, the United States, Mongolia China, Bhutan, Japan, Kenya, Rwanda and Namibia, celebrate women by representing them in all their strength and courage.

**Athletes, mothers, human mules, elderly women with the skin cracked by the heat, or teenage girls putting their budding strength to the test...** According to the World Health Organization and UNICEF, more than two billion people do not have direct access to drinking water, and the task of providing it falls on women and girls. Just in this decade alone, due to water scarcity and destruction of forests, women have had to carry massive loads of water and firewood for double or triple the distance. On the fields and village paths, market roads, and in our cities, women are united here by the physical and mental power that allow them to carry the weight of the world... with few people really aware of it. Through all of these portraits, it is a vibrant tribute that the Musée de l'Homme wishes to pay to these strong women.

**Exhibition Lekha Singh « Women carry the world »,** from June 29, 2022 to January 2, 2023, at the Foyer Germaine Tillion of the Musée de l'Homme. 17 place du Trocadéro, Paris 16<sup>e</sup>. Full rate : 12 € - Concession : 9 €. A single ticket gives access to all permanent and temporary exhibitions.



Lekha Singh's photographs reveal that in India, in Tanzania, in Kenya, in the United States... everywhere on earth, the physical force of women is put to the test. © Lekha Singh