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This is the show of the collaboration of William T. Hillman and Lia Chavez. Thirteen large photographic works exhibited are of a naked figure in motion in the dark. We can recognize this is a naked body; at the same time the image is almost abstract since it is in motion.

They are very luring pictures; the lure of light and of the body. They have a certain atmosphere.

Interestingly - this is only my opinion - they reminded me of classic European paintings like Academic paintings and Neoclassic paintings in the 18th and 19th century although I guess these photographs must have required today's digital techniques and although they have a quality of abstraction. I think they have a sense of classic European paintings especially because the figure is in the nude, which is a perfectly beautiful nude like ones which classic European painters painted (actually we cannot tell how perfect they are because they are in the abstraction though.) Honestly, it is interesting that one of the artists is female because these nudes are too beautiful. I think the figures are so beautiful since they are looked by a male.

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