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Originally from Liberia, West Africa, Alfield Reeves is an award-winning freelance editorial, portrait & fine art photographer based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He specializes in creating work that encourages self-reflection and expression, promotes equitable action and showcases the identity and culture of black & brown people. His images are warm, quiet and bold. They bridge traditional divides between photojournalism, portraiture and fashion.

He has been selected for programs like [Skillshare's 2021 Tech Lab Residency](#), [Shutterstock's 2022 Create Fund Artist Investment Program](#) & [Getty Images 2023 Creative Accelerator Program](#). He serves on the Art Amplify workgroup for non-profit AmplifyGR and on the board at the Grand Rapids Art Museum as their Visionnaire Executive Committee representative. He's also the creator & co-host of [The GOATs Podcast](#), where he and fellow creatives Sophie Rodriguez & George Ward chat about the arts, culture & their lives as creatives.

EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS

2025

- **Exhibition Commentary Contributor**, Commentary on two works by Sanlé Sory, As We Rise, Grand Rapids Art Museum, 2025–26
- **“See, Hear, Speak: No Evil”** An Exhibition, ArtPrize, Top 100 Muse GR Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
- **“Walls” & “The Souls of Black Folk”**, Monad, Juneteenth Photography Exhibition, Bed-Stuy, Brooklyn, New York
- **“The Souls of Black Folk”**, People's Choice Award, West Michigan Area Show, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan
- **“Walls”**, Ode To Festival Invitational Art Show, Frames Unlimited, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- **“Hope” “Curious” “Just Joy”** Frame by Frame: A Month of Photography Exhibition Black Arts & Cultural Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- **“Take Space” & “Take Space II”**, Definiant: Art That Talks Back Group Show, Rowsters Coffee, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- **“Take Space”** Pictures at an Exhibition, Grand Rapids Symphony, Grand Rapids, MI

2024

- **“Take Space II”** - People's Choice Award, Muskegon Museum of Art, 95th Annual Michigan Contemporary Art Exhibition.
- **“The Souls Of Black Folk”** Photography Award Finalist, Beautiful Bizarre Art Prize
- **“Grandma”** Finalist, Lucie Foundation Open Call: Heritage Black and White Category
- **“The Souls Of Black Folk”** - LowellArts Award & Grand Valley State University Art Galleries Purchase Award. Regional Arts Exhibition, Festival Of The Arts, Grand Rapids, Michigan

2023

- **“Grandma”** Winner of the The Brian Lehrer Show Best Photo Sitting on Your Phone 2023 Contest
- **“Take Space”** - 37th Annual LowellArts West Michigan Art Competition, Lowell, Michigan

2022

- **“Portrait Photography: How to Shoot & Edit Environmental Portraits.”** Staff Pick, Skillshare
- Portals: Alfield Reeves, [UrbanInstitute for Contemporary Arts](#), Grand Rapids, Michigan
- **“Take Space”** Regional Arts Exhibition, Festival Of The Arts, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Art & Social Justice Exhibition, ArtWorks & ArtxchangeGR, BigRapids, Michigan

2021

- **“UnforSEEN”** - Finalist, LensCulture Black & White Photography Awards 2021
- United In Purpose Community Showcase & Art Exhibition, Grow Hub GR, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Black Rapids Art Exhibition, NIA Centre, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- The Color Of The Year, ArtxChange, Rivertown Crossing Mall, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- **“Walls”, “Caution: Black Girl Magic”, & “Don't Touch My Hair”**, (Honorable Mention) Masur Museum of Art 58th Annual Juried Competition, Monroe, Louisiana

2020

- **Just Joy** (Directors Award) Finding The Light, PhotoPlace Gallery Middlebury, Vermont
- **Untitled**, Finding The Light, PhotoPlace Gallery Middlebury, Vermont
- Diaries, LoosenArt Mag & Gallery, Rome, Italy
- Too Tired for 2020, The Too Tired Project, Vermont, USA
- The is a Movement, Not a Moment, ARTivism Initiative, Worcester, Mass.
- **“Caution: Black Girl Magic”** - Detroit 2020, SaveArtSpace, Detroit, Michigan
- Virtual Arts Festival, Festival Of The Arts, Grand Rapids, MI

2017-2019

- TRUTH Expressed Through The Arts, New Harvest Christian Center, Battle Creek, MI
- Black Refractions, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI

- Shades Of Blackness, Devo Place, Grand Rapids, MI
- Art With An Impact, Light Gallery + Studio, Grand Rapids, MI
- The Decisive Moment, Praxis Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- The Platform, Black Arts & Cultural Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- Art Hop, Black Arts & Cultural Center, Kalamazoo, MI

CLIENTS, PUBLICATIONS & PRESS

- AmplifyGR
- Ann Arbor District Library
- Art Jobs
- Blavity
- Chaco
- Christian Reformed Church of North America
- Christianity Today
- Corewell Health
- Creative Morning GR
- CRWN Magazine
- Dawn Richard
- Detroit Free Press
- Downtown Grand Rapids Inc.
- Experience Grand Rapids
- FAULT Magazine
- Fifth Third Bank
- GoDaddy Photo
- Grand Rapids Art Museum
- Grand Rapids Business Journal
- Grand Rapids Community Foundation
- Grand Rapids Magazine
- Grand Rapids Opera
- Grand Rapids Press
- Insider Magazine
- Jason Wilson
- Karen Polinesia
- Lansing City Pulse
- LensCulture
- Mannywellz
- Merrell
- Nae2Curly
- NBC News
- New City Neighbors
- NPR
- Partners Worldwide
- Plate Moran
- PracticeLink Magazine
- ProPublica
- Purpose Built Communities
- Shutterstock
- Sommore

- Spring GR
- STEM Greenhouse
- The Guardian
- The Poets In Autumn Tour
- United Philanthropy Forum
- Wolverine Boots
- The New York Times
- The Trace
- The 19th News
- Type Investigations
- STAT News
- Vanity Fair
- Vogue Greece
- Wedding Day Magazine

SPEAKING, INTERVIEWS & PANELS

2022 - Current

- **Panelist**, National Forum for Black Public Administrators - Creative Placemaking & Art: Empowering Communities for transformation. Grand Rapids, MI
- **Gallery Talk**, Art Break Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Kalamazoo, MI
- **Plenary Speaker**, "Rewriting the Narrative: Affirming Communities of Color Through Asset-Based Storytelling", Prosperity Starts With Place, Purpose Built Communities National Conference, Houston, Texas
- **Featured Contributor**, Grand Rapids Magazine July/Aug 2024 Issue
- [Grand Rapids music venue faces backlash over art competition](#), Crain's Grand Rapids Business
- ["How to Advance in the art world" Panel Art Prize x Cultivate GR](#)
- [Career Chat with Kent ISD](#)
- Shutterstock - [The Create Fund: Alfield Reeves Shoots for Authenticity](#)
- [Cultivate Featured Artist](#)
- [Composition Series Interview](#)
- [Visionary Series](#), Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, Michigan

2016 - 2021

- ["Rising Stars: Meet Alfield Reeves"](#), Voyage Michigan Magazine
- [United In Purpose Panel](#), Grow Hub GR, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- ["Black Art In The Absence of Light"](#) Panel at The Grand Rapids Art Museum
- [Screen Time: A Year of Business Online](#), The Entrepreneur Hub, Podcast
- [Creative Confessions](#) w/ Creatives Are Essential
- [Experimentations IV — Embracing Creativity](#), CherryDeck
- [Through the Eyes of a Liberian Photographer in America with Alfield Reeves Photography](#), BrickRose Exchange
- [Social Media, Hair Subjects Of New Collaboration On The Black Experience](#), WMUK - Public radio, Western Michigan University