

Katrien Vermeire

Godspeed

Katrien Vermeire (1979, Belgium) travelled to the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee, USA to capture a great interest of hers: the magical night-time ritual of the firefly. This natural phenomenon, where the insects perform a mesmerizing group dance of pulsing, glowing lights as part of a mating ritual, was extremely hard to capture, requiring three different cameras and long exposure times. Vermeire worked with the same monomaniacal fervour of a scientist studying the ritual, hell-bent on capturing the essence of it. The resulting images formed the series *Godspeed*, referring to the expression often used to wish someone good luck. The works are overwhelmingly beautiful, the lights of the fireflies weaving together like an abstract expressionist painting and illuminating the landscape with almost otherworldly light.

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