

## DENISE TARANTINO, FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHER

Tarantino obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts in design and photography from Kutztown University. After completing her undergraduate work, she continued her photographic studies at the International Center for Photography, NYC.

Born with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), a serious bone condition that also led to profound hearing loss, she has been physically restricted since before the age of one. As a disabled artist, Tarantino developed her 'observer's lens,' which is what she defines as her ability to find the hidden nuances and humor in circumstances and places that are often overlooked. It's with this same trained eye that she illuminates the forgotten treasures held within the offbeat objects, roadside stops and forgotten places of our rural American landscape.

She incorporates her lifelong preoccupation with salvaging and up-cycling photographic equipment into her imagery. Her ability to retrofit cameras, build DIY lenses and alter film, leads to unexpected outcomes that push traditional photographic boundaries.

Her work is shown and collected internationally. As an accomplished fine art photographer she's received awards from galleries and museums' throughout North American and has been named one of the top 100 emerging fine art photographers by Photographer's Forum magazine, an award-winning quarterly publication dedicated to quality reproduction of photography.

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### AWARDS:

- 2018 -Krappy Kamera Show, Soho Photography Gallery, New York, NY, Second Place
- 2018 -Animal, Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Sacramento, CA, Honorable Mention, Show
- 2018 -Animal, Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Sacramento, CA, First Place, Photography
- 2016 -Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA, Juror's Choice
- 2016 -Annual Competition, Home, Santa Fe Workshops, Grand Prize
- 2016 -Sparks Photo Exhibition, Marin Society of Artists, San Raffle, CA, Honorable Mention
- 2015 -Fog Fest Art Competition, Pacifica Arts, Second Place
- 2015 -Exposed-International Photo Exhibition, Marin Society of Artists, First Place
- 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 -Best of Fine Arts Photography - Top 100 Emerging Photographers, Photographer's Forum Magazine
- 2014 -Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA, Honorable Mention
- 2014 -Summer Nation Exhibition, MMoCA, Honorable Mention
- 2014 -NVAL International Photography Show, North Valley - Gold
- 2014 -One by One, Colorado Photographic Arts Center (CPAC) - Special Mention
- 2013 -Annual Competition, BACKYARD, Santa Fe Workshops – Honorable Mention
- 2013 -Art Ability 2013, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA, Third Place

2013 -Return to Simplicity, Piedmont Art Center, Piedmont, CA - Third Place  
 2013 -3rd International & National Juried Photography Exhibition - Director's Choice  
 2012 -WPGA Fine Art Photography Competition, WPGA Publication, Honorable Mention

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### **PUBLICATIONS:**

2018 -2017, 2016 Bay Area Photo Collective Annual  
 2015 -FotoFilmic photographer Annual  
 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 -Photographers' Forum, Best of Fine Art Photography  
 2014 -eXel Photo Magazine  
 2014, 2013, 2012 -CUESA Ferry Terminal Market  
 2013 -PHOTOcentric Gallery Catalog  
 2013 -RayKo Summer Workshop Catalog Cover  
 2010 -WPGA International Competition Winners Magazine

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### **WORK FOUND AT:**

FotoFilmic'15 PrintShop, Vancouver, Canada  
 Arc Studios & Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 City Art Gallery Cooperative, San Francisco, CA  
 Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 Local Take, San Francisco, CA  
 SF Mercantile, San Francisco, CA  
 S16 Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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### **JURIED EVENTS:**

2020 -Experimental Instant Photography Workshops, San Francisco, CA  
 2020 -stARTup Art Fair Exhibitor (cancelled), San Francisco, CA  
 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 -Art for AIDS Auction, San Francisco, CA  
 2016 -ArtSpan, stARTup Art Fair Exhibitor, San Francisco, CA  
 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 ArtSpan, Spring Auction, San Francisco, CA  
 2016, 2013 PhotoAlliance Portfolio Review, San Francisco, CA  
 2015 Art for AIDS, Opening Bid for Live Auction, San Francisco, CA  
 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 Art Span Open Studios, Arc Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 2017, 2016, 2015 Wonder Dog Rescue Live Auction, Contributing Artist, San Francisco, CA  
 2015 4th Annual Jackson Hole Photography Competition, Jackson Hole, WY  
 2014, 2013 Project Read Auction, Contributing Artist, Redwood City, CA  
 2015, 2014, 2013 HRC Gala Auction, Contributing Artist, San Francisco, CA  
 2013 -Art Slam 2013, de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA

2013 -Long Shoot 2013, Photo Center NW, Seattle, WA  
 2013 -Crusade for Collecting, SF Artist Show Case, Schwartz Gallery, Atlanta, GASOLO EXHIBITIONS:  
 2019 -November, Artifacts, Curated State, San Francisco, CA  
 2019 -September, 1990s Fashion Polaroid Retrospect, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 2018 -June, July, San Francisco, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 2016 -September, Roadside America, SFO International Museums, San Bruno, CA  
 2015 -September, Playgrounds, Parks Alliance & Curated State Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 2015 -April, San Francisco, Collage Gallery, Francisco, CA  
 2015 -March, Community Acupuncture Clinic, San Francisco, CA

## CURATOR

2021 -Arc Studios & Gallery, Experimental Instant Photography Show  
 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 -Art for AIDS, Jury Member and Co-curator  
 2019, 2018 -Small, Collage Gallery  
 2018 -AnthropoScene, co-curate with Dewitt Cheng  
 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 -CityArt Cooperative Gallery

## JURIED EXHIBITIONS 2020: *All listed shows for 2020 were cancelled and moved online.*

March -Art of Possibilities Art Show, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Minneapolis, MN  
 March -Women Rising, Drawing Room Annex, San Francisco, CA  
 April -Arc Studios & Gallery SPARCX Anniversary Celebration & Exhibition, San Francisco, CA  
 January-December -City Art Cooperative Gallery

## JURIED EXHIBITIONS 2019:

Dec, Jan -Resolution, Palette Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 November -Small, San Francisco, CA  
 October -ArtSpan Open Studios Artist Exhibition  
 September -Roadside America, Curated State, San Francisco, CA  
 July -Time, Arc Studios & Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 January-December -City Art Cooperative Gallery

## JURIED EXHIBITIONS 2018:

November -Small, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 March -Krappy Kamera Show, Soho Photography Gallery, New York, NY  
 January -Animal House, Sacramento Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA  
 January-December -City Art Cooperative Gallery

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**JURIED EXHIBITIONS 2017:**

September -ArtSpan, Open Studios Artist Exhibition  
October -Curated State, Aether Fade, San Francisco  
July -Resist -Arc Studio & Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
February -Art Possibilities, Kennedy Rehab, Minneapolis, MN  
February -Creatures, Real and Imagined, uBe Art, Berkley, CA  
February -I0 SPOT: PHOTOGRAPHY, Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, Pittsfield, MA  
January -I0 SPOT: PHOTOGRAPHY Exhibition, Sohn Gallery, Lenox, MA  
January-December -City Art Cooperative Gallery

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**JURIED EXHIBITIONS 2016:**

November -Photo Shoot 2016, Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR  
November -Animals, Alley Cat Books Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
November, -Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA  
November, -Tiny 2016, Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
October -ArtSpan Open Studios Exhibition, San Francisco, CA  
October -In Your Dreams, Marin Society of Artists, San Raffle  
October -People, FotoTEXAS: Places & Culture, Brazos Gallery at Richland College, Dallas, TX  
September -Real People, Old Court House Arts Center, Woodstock, IL  
September -Solo Exhibition, Roadside America, SFO International Museum, San Bruno, CA  
September -Competition, Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA  
August -Light, SFWA, San Francisco, CA  
August -Wild Mind, Gearbox Gallery, Oakland, CA  
July -11th National Exhibition, Axis Galley, Sacramento, CA  
July -Sparks, Marin Society of Artists, San Raffle, CA  
July -50/50 Sanchez Art Center, Pacific, CA  
July -Fun House, Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY  
April -Scapes, SFWA, San Francisco, CA  
March -Annual Plastic Camera Show, RayKo, San Francisco, CA  
March -Identity, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
February -Icons, SFWA, San Francisco, CA  
February -Black and White Winter Exhibition, Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR  
February -Winners Invitation Exhibition, Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA  
January -Impulse, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
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**JURIED EXHIBITION 2015**

December -Looking Out, New Hampshire Institute of Art, NH  
 November -Tiny 7x7, Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 November -Falkirk's 2015 Fall Juried Exhibition, Falkirk Cultural Center, San Rafael, CA  
 November -From Where I Stand, uBe Art, Berkley, CA  
 November -Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA  
 November -Exposed, Pacific Arts League, Palo Alto, CA  
 September -Playgrounds, Parks Alliance, Featured Artist, Curated State, San Francisco, CA  
 September -Through My Lens, Cortland National Photography Exhibit  
     SUNY Cortland Beard Gallery, Cortland, NY  
 August, -All Media Show, SPKN ARTS, Chase Gallery, Spokane, WA  
 August -50/50, Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA  
 August -Through My Lens, The Picture House, Cortland, NY  
 August -Exposed, Marin Artist Society, Ross, CA  
 August -Collage-A-Rama: Running with Scissors, Art on 30th, San Diego, CA  
 July -Collage-A-Rama; Running with Scissors, Arc Gallery & Studio, San Francisco, CA  
 July -Spokane Arts, Chase Gallery, Spokane, WA  
 May -2015 Biennale, Art League of Hilton Head, Hilton Head, NC  
 May -NVAL 2015 International Photography Show, North Valley Art League, Redding, CA  
 April -Solo Exhibition, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 April -2015 Lottery for the Arts, BlueLine Arts, Roseville, CA  
 March -Solo Exhibition, Community Acupuncture Clinic, San Francisco, CA  
 March -Roadside Attractions, Curated State Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 March -Regarding Leisure Exhibition, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL  
 March -2015 Art of Possibilities, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Minneapolis, MN  
 February -Artifacts, Arc Studios, San Francisco, CA  
 February -Tiny Bites, Orange County Creatives, Laguna Beach, CA  
 January -20th Annual Arts in Harmony 2015 International Arts Show, Elk River Arts Alliance, Elk River, MN  
 January -Impulse, Arc Studios, San Francisco, CA  
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**JURIED EXHIBITION 2014**

December -Tiny 7x7, Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 December -Squared, Orange County Creatives, Laguna Beach, CA  
 November, -The City as I see It, The Gallery at Watershed, Eugene, OR  
 November -Looking Out, New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH  
 November -Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA  
 September -PHOTOcentric, Garrison Gallery, Garrison, NY

August -National Exhibition, Axis Gallery, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA  
 July -Center Forward, Center for Fine Arts Photography, Fort Collins, CO  
 June -Summer Nation Exhibition, Marin MoCA, Novato, CA  
 May -Like A Tom Waits Song, ARC Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 May -NVAL 2014 International Photography Show, North Valley Art League, Redding, CA  
 April -Shelter, Art Works Downtown, San Rafael, CA  
 April -Wide Open 5, Brooklyn Artist Coalition, Brooklyn, NY  
 April -Home, 4x5 Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 April -Left Coast Juried Exhibition, Sanchez ART Center, Pacifica, CA  
 March -Home, Dickerman Prints, San Francisco, CA  
 February -Art Ability 2013, Traveling Exhibition, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA  
 January -Impulse, ARC Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
 January -One by One, Colorado Photographic Arts Center (CPAC), Denver, CO  
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### **JURIED EXHIBITIONS 2013:**

December -BACKYARD Photo Contest, Santa Fe Photographic Workshops  
 November -Fotofoto 2013 National Competition. Fotofoto Gallery, Huntington, NY  
 November -Return to Simplicity, Piedmont Art Center, Piedmont, CA  
 November -GFG Conditionally Human Exhibition, Ground Floor Gallery, Nashville, TN  
 November -Art Ability 2013, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA  
 October -Art for View Exhibit 59, Sunnyvale Rehab Hospital Foundation, Schenectady, NY  
 October, Bold Expressions -Sacramento Fine Arts Center, Sacramento, CA  
 September -Un-inhibited, Brooklyn Waterfront Artist Coalition, Brooklyn, NY  
 September -Small Works – BIG TALENT, Las Laguna Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA  
 September -PHOTOcentric, Garrison Art Center, Garrison, NY  
 August -Road Trip, Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, NC  
 August -Color Blind, Dark Room Gallery, Essex Jct., VT  
 August -10x10x10 Tieton, Tieton Arts and Humanities, Tieton, WA  
 July -Portraits: A Focus on the Face Exhibition, Las Laguna Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA  
 June -SOHO Photo National Competition, SohoPhoto Gallery, New York, NY  
 June -Summer National Exhibition, Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, Marin, CA  
 May -Light & Dark Photography Now, The Pacific Art League, Palo Alto, CA  
 May -BWAC, Wide Open 4, Brooklyn, NY  
 March -Boarder Celebrations, Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ  
 March -Stories, Memories, Histories, Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO  
 February -3rd International and National Juried Photography Exhibition, Viridian Artists Gallery,  
 Director's Choice, New York, NY  
 January -Box Squared, The Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO

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**JURIED EXHIBITIONS 2012:**

December -2012 WPGA Fine Art Photography Competition, WPGA Publication, Honorable Mention

December -Rayko Student & Instructor Exhibition, RayKo Photo Center, San Francisco, CA

November -Solo Exhibition Roadside Caching, Epicenter, San Francisco, CA

November -RayKo Marketplace Artists Exhibition, RayKo Photo Ctr, San Francisco, CA

November -2012 The 2nd National Juried Photography Exhibition,

The Delphinine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick, MD