

iDenise Tarantino,

Photographer specializing in analog film based photography: transparency and negative, Instant, Polaroid .Alternative Processes.

There are four questions collectors always ask:

- 1) What is photography?
- 2) Should it be considered art, or is it a just means of documentation?
- 3) What makes for a good picture?
- 4) What's the best way to make money as a photographer?

Photography is the art of observation. Having noting to do with the things you see and everything to do with how you to do with how an image is captured. The best thing about a photograph is it stands in a single moment, even when the subjects in it recede from view. Photography stands in broad latitude. A single photograph can display love and indifference while drawing fine lines between compassion, sympathy, and empathy. The moment caught in the frame is forever frozen in time. Every single nuance is recorded and itemized. The fraction of a second stand uniquely, long after the whole lot is forgotten.

The story behind a photograph spans all languages. One image can easily possess a global footprint. A photograph enables common understanding, sparks discussion, and is debated in hundreds of languages while wrapped in the infinite layers of cultural context.

Light is photography. I've invested literally years of my life chasing, embracing, and patiently waiting for the right light. It is the most important element. Know it like a pair of old jeans. To take a good photograph you have to know where to stand. A great photograph is knowing where to stand when the light is right.

Photography is not for the fainthearted. The age-old photographer's joke holds true: The quickest way to make money as a photographer is to sell your camera. The camera is an instrument that teaches us how to be present to connect with humanity, nature, and the greater world. Making photographs is savoring life intensely, in a hundredth of a second moment.

The art of photography is all about directing the attention of the viewer to see what you see. I relish watching and listening as people engage with my photographs. I thrive on the convergence of my capture with viewers' unique interpretations.

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BIO:

I obtained a BFA in design and photography from Kutztown University. After completing my undergraduate work, I continued photographic studies at the International Center for Photography, NYC. Born with osteogenesis imperfecta (OI), a congenital bone condition that also led to profound hearing loss, I've been physically restricted since before the age of one. Standing on the sideline has provided me the gift of a keen 'observer's lens,' which is what defines my ability to find the hidden nuances and humor in circumstances and places that are often overlooked. It's this same trained eye that drives me to illuminate the forgotten treasures held within the offbeat objects, roadside stops, and forgotten places of our rural American landscape. I also incorporate my lifelong preoccupation with salvaging and up-cycling photographic equipment into creating imagery. My ability to retrofit analog cameras and experience with film leads to unexpected outcomes that push traditional photographic boundaries by blurring the lines between analog and digital

AWARDS:

2018 Second Place, Krappy Kamera Show, Soho Photography, New York, NY
2018 First Place, Photography, 2nd place show, Honorable Mention, Humor, Animal Show, Fine Arts Center, Sacramento, CA,
2016 Juror's Choice, Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA,
2016 Grand Prize, Annual Competition, Home, Santa Fe Workshops, NM
2016 Honorable Mention, Sparks Photo, Marin Society of Artists, San Raffle, CA,
2015 Second Place, Fog Fest Art Competition, Pacifica Arts Center, Pacifica CA
2015 First Place, Exposed-International Photo Exhibition, Marin Society of Artists,
2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 Best of Fine Arts Photography, Top 100 Emerging Photographers, Photographer's Forum Magazine
2014 Honorable Mention, Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA,
2014 Honorable Mention, Summer Nation Exhibition, MMoCA, Marin, CA
2014 Gold, NVAL International Photography Show, NorthValley, WA
2014 Special Mention, One by One, Colorado Photographic Arts Center (CPAC), Boulder, CO
2013 Honorable Mention, Annual Competition, BACKYARD, Santa Fe Workshops, NM
2013 Third Place, Art Ability 2013, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA,
2013 Third Place, Return to Simplicity, Piedmont Art Center, Piedmont, CA
2013 Director's Choice, 3rd International & National Juried Photography Exhibition

PUBLICATIONS:

2018, 2017, 2016 Bay Area Photo Collective Annual
2015 FotoFilmic photographer Annual, Vancouver, CA
2018 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 Photographers' Forum, Best of Fine Art Photography
2014 eXel Photo Magazine
2014 2013, 2012 CUESA Ferry Terminal Market, San Francisco, CA
2012, Honorable Mention, WPGA Fine Art Photography Competition, WPGA Publication,
2013 PHOTOCentric Gallery Catalog

2013 RayKo Summer Workshop Catalog Cover, San Francisco, CA
2010 WPGA International Competition Winners Magazine

JURIED EVENTS:

2020 stARTup Art Fair Exhibitor (cancelled), San Francisco, CA
2016-2023 UCSF AHP Art for AIDS Auction, Contributing Artist, San Francisco, CA
2016 ArtSpan, stARTup Art Fair Exhibitor, San Francisco, CA
2016-2023 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
2015-2024 Art Span Open Studios, Arc Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2015 2016, 2017 Wonder Dog Rescue Auction, Contributing Artist, San Francisco, CA
2015 4th Annual Jackson Hole Photography Competition, Jackson Hole, WY
2013, 2014 Project Read Auction, Contributing Artist, Redwood City, CA
2013, 2014, 2015 HRC Gala Auction, Contributing Artist, San Francisco, CA
2013, Art Slam, deYoung Museum, San Francisco, CA
2013 Long Shoot, Photo Center NW, Seattle, WA
2013 Crusade for Collecting, SF Artist Show Case, Schwartz Gallery, Atlanta, GA

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

2020-2023 Instant Photography Workshop, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2012-2023 CityArt Cooperative Member, San Francisco, CA
2015-2023 CityArt Board Advisor, San Francisco, CA
2016-2023 Art for AIDS, Esteemed Jury Member, San Francisco, CA
2019, 2018 co-curate, Small, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2018 BAPC AnthroScene, Co-Curator, Arc Gallery & Studios, San Francisco, CA
2015-2018 BAPC Exhibition Committee, San Francisco, CA

JURIED SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2019 November, Solo, Artifacts, Curated State Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2019 September, Solo, 1990s Fashion Dah Len Studios Test Polaroid Retrospect, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2018 November, Solo, San Francisco, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2016, 2017 Solo, September, Roadside America, SFO International Airport Museum, San Bruno, CA
2015 September, Feature Artist, Playgrounds, Parks Alliance & Curated State Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2015 April, Solo, San Francisco, Collage Gallery, Francisco, CA
2015 March, Solo, Community Acupuncture Clinic, San Francisco, CA

JURIED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023

July, Summer2023 Collection, the Drawing Room. San Francisco, CA
February, Sky, the Drawing Room. San Francisco, CA
October, Refusés the Bay, Metal Haus Gallery, San Francisco

2022

March, Women Rising, the Drawing Room Annex
August, Land, the Drawing Room. San Francisco, CA
December, Sea, the Drawing Room. San Francisco, CA

2021

October The Ties that Bind, the Drawing Room. San Francisco, CA
May, A Bird's Eye View, the Drawing Room. San Francisco, CA
Jan. Dollhouse, Arc Studios & Gallery, May, A Bird's Eye View, the Drawing Room.

2020

March , Art of Possibilities Art Show, Courage Kenny Rehab Institute, Minneapolis, MN
March, Women Rising, Drawing Room Annex, San Francisco, CA
April , Arc Studios & Gallery SPARCX Anniversary Celebration, San Francisco, CA

2019

Dec-Art Market, the Drawing Room
Dec, Resolution, Palette Gallery, San Francisco, CA
November, Small, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA
September, Roadside America, Curated State, San Francisco, CA
July, Time, Arc Studios & Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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

2017

October, Curated State, Aether Fade, San Francisco
February, Art Possibilities, Kennedy Rehab, Minneapolis, MN
February, Creatures, Real and Imagined, uBe Art, Berkley, CA
February, 10 SPOT: PHOTOGRAPHY, Lichtenstein Center for the Arts, Pittsfield, MA
January, 10 SPOT: PHOTOGRAPHY, Sohn Gallery, Lenox, MA

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
October, InYour Dreams, Marin Society of Artists, San Raffle, CA
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, Pacifica, CA
July, Fun House, Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY
April, Scapes, SFWA, San Francisco, CA
March, Plastic Camera Show, RayKo, San Francisco, CA
March, Identity, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA
February, Icons, SFWA, San Francisco, CA
February, Black and White, Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR
February, Winners Invitation, Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA
January, Impulse, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2015

December, Looking Out, New Hampshire Institute of Art, NH
November, Tiny 7x7, Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA
November, Fall 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 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, Running with Scissors, Art on 30th, San Diego, CA
July, Running with Scissors, Arc Gallery & Studio, San Francisco, CA
July, Spokane Arts, Chase Gallery, Spokane, WA
May, Biennale Art League of Hilton Head, Hilton Head, NC
May, International Photography Show, North Valley Art League, Redding, CA
April, Solo Exhibition, Collage Gallery, San Francisco, CA
April, 015 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, 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 International Arts Show, Elk River Arts Alliance, Elk River, MN
January, Impulse, Arc Studios, San Francisco, CA

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, ArtWorks 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

2013

December, BACKYARD Photo Contest, Santa Fe Photographic Workshops
November, 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 Arts and Humanities, Tieton, WA
July, Portraits: A Focus on the Face, Las Laguna Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
June, National Competition, SohoPhoto Gallery, New York, NY
June, Summer 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 Juried Photography Exhibition, Viridian Artists Gallery, Director's Choice, NY, NY
January -Box Squared, The Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO

2012

December, WPGA Fine Art Photography Competition, WPGA December Publication, Honorable Mention
Rayko Student & Instructor Exhibition, RayKo Photo Center, San Francisco, CA

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

November, RayKo Marketplace Artists Exhibition, San Francisco, CA

November, The 2nd National Juried Photography Exhibition, The Delphinine Visual Arts Education
Center, Frederick, MD