

Artist Statement

Within my portfolio there is a reflection of a few of my different interests and passions. With some of my photo's I have aspired to create an inspirational or motivational feeling for my viewers. This includes using words such as "dream" and "inspire". I have a pattern with placing these words with a sky background because in my mind the sky is a representation of dreaming and taking chances. I like to pair these powerful words with an outdoor background to place an emphasis on the act of dreaming and taking chances. These pieces are a direct reflection of me personally because I am a believer in dreaming and inspiring others to follow their dreams. I enjoy photographing aspects of nature in unique styles. This includes close up on my subjects or capturing them using unique angles. By taking photo's using unique perspectives I am hoping to represent them in a way that people don't typically see them. When I see subjects photographed using different techniques and perspectives I view them differently. My hope is that by using unique angles or macro focusing my viewers get the same feelings I do and don't look at nature in a one-dimensional way. There are several different ways to interpret the world and I want others to understand that concept. Not only do I want them to interpret nature differently but I like to try and stress the concept that there is beauty all around is, it's just a matter of looking for it. For example, simple subjects like willows and branches can be photographed the right way to bring out their beauty.

Recently I've gained an interest in portrait photography. My portraits have their own style to them. I have intentions of reflecting my subject's personality, yet I do this in a subtle type of way. This includes small facial expressions that end up reflecting the subject in a much deeper way. I also really put an emphasis on my subjects eye connection with the camera because I believe that eye's really can reveal a lot about a person and having that eye connection strengthens the individuality in a portrait. In one of my recent photos of the reflection portrait I had intentions of wanting my viewers to reflect upon them individually. The subject looking at themselves in the water is a representation of taking a step back and really looking at who you are and evaluating yourself as an individual; which is something I think is important to do every once in a while. These types of photographs are the one's that I am most passionate about- one's that create inspiration or cause my viewers to take a moment to think about or reflect upon an element of life.