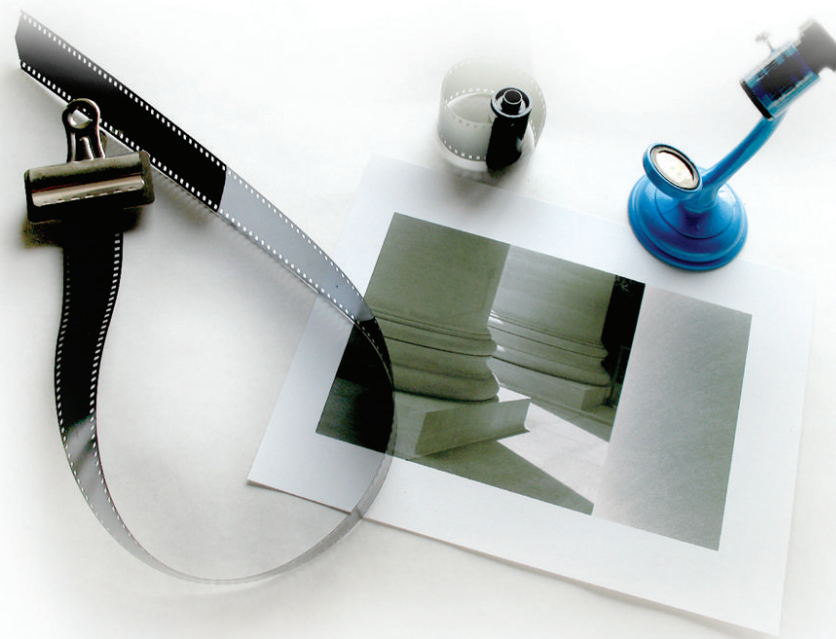


Hyde Park **ARTCENTER** Gallery 5

May 11 – June 24, 2008

Selected Shots

Work by Advanced Placement Photography Students
at Kenwood Academy High School, Lane Technical
High School, and King High School



After the positive reception from last year's show I wanted to improve upon the idea of a quality High School Student Show by opening the call to other quality Photography programs. My first thought was of my friend Daria Mcmeans who is an amazing educator, and a most worthy competitor year after year at the local art competitions.

Benjamin Jaffe
Photo Instructor
Kenwood Academy

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Curated by Benjamin Jaffe

My artwork is influenced my grandmother who unfortunately passed away last year. My most prized photo "Funeral Precession" was taken while I was with her. I won a gold medal for my picture, which made me begin to like photography, but my grandmother wasn't around to see me win my award. My photos help me to remember not only my grandmother, but also how photography became a hobby.

Christopher Coleman

I'm not going to say that photography has been my love since birth because it hasn't. I've always been the tomboy, with the scars from sports to prove it. But come my freshman year at Kenwood Academy when I took my first photography class, and from classes at Marwen, photography soon became a love of mine. Learning about focus has probably been one of my biggest struggles in photography, and while I'm still learning to perfect that aspect, I believe my images represent my skills at their best and in their purest form. My photos are mostly straightforward images that allow the subject not to be distracted by filters or sparkles of any kind. My images represent my taste. Hope you like it!

~ Imari C. Mason ~

I've never really had a good ability to vocalize my thoughts or reveal myself to others. In that sense photography has changed me. Through my photographs I have been able to show my thoughts or share my experiences with others around me, thus revealing certain aspects of my being that might not have been revealed vocally. This year I furthered my ability to show my thoughts and perspectives towards how I perceive the world. So as you view these pieces of mine, know that you are not just looking at an image, you are getting a glimpse at my perspective.

- Jonathan Reiman

Ever since I could remember, clouds and architecture have intrigued my spirit to do photography. My motivation for photography drives me to see the sky or architecture in different points of view. My art defines the environment in which we live.

Keagan Anthony

I realized that art was my passion when I found myself imagining numbers forming pictures during a review of the multiplication tables in my math class. My tendency to daydream encouraged my artistic view of the world. Finally this year, I have found a way to express my passion through photography. I have enhanced my capability to photograph things in a way that others may see what I see in the world.

Alfreda Kutor

I've always believed that people excel in what they enjoy doing. Photography is my hobby not my job. The thing that drew me closer to photography is the vast range of potential outcomes. From incredible macros to lengthy fields, the potential of photography is endless.

Henry Wu

From these few selections, you see my point of view. The contrast of color sets the mood and emotion of my subjects. My main focus in art has always been to capture the uniqueness of my interpretation of Art and Beauty. My subject varies in its natural surrounding.

~ Cherry Inthlangsy

I started my series focusing on the idea of body language. I feel body language is one of the most natural forms of human communication; it helps express our feelings without being specific. I decided to add texture to my photos to help express inner emotions.

I did not always have a strong passion for photography but thanks to my photography teacher, Benjamin Jaffe, my passion for it grew and before I knew it, I was making art I never knew I was capable of. My art works focus more on surreal things but surprisingly I won a gold medal for a straight shot, "Rusted Blood". I have truly evolved in art and now I can say I am a great artist,

Charles Adjei

My photography is deeply influenced by the urban art that people take for granted. Graffiti is an art form, which is all but forgotten in Chicago. I try to use my images to capture not just the graffiti but also the environment surrounding it.

Eduardo Marin

What I try to do with my work is take photographs that everyday people would not notice. Whenever I get a response to my photographs such as "What is that?" and I tell exactly what it is people look so amazed and astonished. I take photographs of simple things and make them different. This is why I enjoy photography, to shoot things that are not common, but still good.

- Narada Wesonga

I am very passionate about art, especially photography. It lets me express myself in a very unique way. I not only capture beauty I see, but also create my own beauty. I enjoy challenging myself and getting perfect results. Photography is very important to me because through it I am able to express my emotions in such way that other people can understand them.

Marta Shumylo

Photography helps me to expand and see beyond the subject of the photograph. In process of taking this photo all I saw was a girl cleaning out her canoe. But photography helped me to see the real beauty of the shot by recognizing the design principles. There is line and perspective, not to mention depth of field. I normally like to take an everyday task and put it in new light by using these design principles. The design principles helped me to make my photographs strong and balance

Reema Askar

It really bothers me when people can write about themselves. It bothers me even more when you say "oh, yeah I did this to show how I feel and to express myself" about a certain thing. It's a lie. Most of the time it is. Most of the time we create something amazing like a piece of art, or something of that nature, it just happens, luck. It comes out really nice, beautiful, and then we add a meaning to it. That bothers me, but I do it too. Ninety percent of the time I do. It really bothers me, in order to feel better I turn towards art. Photography, aerosol cans, blank walls, stencils, canvases, human body, paint brush, keyboard and mouse, anything. Sadly I'm not inspired much by any someone, but unconsciously by everyone. Your very actions that make me mad, the words coming out your mouth that make me hate you. But then again this is all temporary till I figure out and master my plan to take over the world, and take steps back, getting rid of so much of this useless technology that make us so lazy! This is it.

This is my artist statement. "I am Jack's wasted life"

Oswaldo

I always find myself drawn to close-up images. There is something about looking at the bends, folds, cracks, and lining of an image that interests me. It's like finding a whole new object in an object.

Kirby Piatek

Photography is the window into my soul. It allows me to capture images of things that inspire me. Rock and roll is one of my biggest inspirations in life, especially with older music like Black Sabbath and Hendrix. The image of Hendrix burning his guitar inspired me that being destructive can make great images

-Michael Flatley