

Sudden Stillness

Portfolio Samples

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Visual Echoes of Timeless Rhythms

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"Seeing is perception
with the original,
unconditioned eye.
It is a state of consciousness
in which separation of
photographer/subject,
audience/image dissolves;
in which a reality beyond words
and concepts opens up,
whose "point" or "meaning" is
the direct experience itself."

— JOHN DAIDO LOORI
Zen Buddhist rōshi
(1931 - 2009)

Artist's Statement

I am, by training and profession, a physicist, specializing in nonlinear dynamics and complex adaptive systems (with a PhD in theoretical physics). However, by temperament and inner muse, I am a photographer, and have been one for far longer than my PhD gives me any right to claim an ownership by physics. Photography became a life-long pursuit for me the instant my parents gave me a Polaroid instamatic camera for my 10th birthday. I have been studying the mysterious relationship between inner experiences and outer realities ever since.

My creative process is very simple. I strive to record the subtle, interconnected web of energy that makes up what we call the world. For me, beauty, which permeates everything around us, appears in its most sublime state when form, color, pattern and texture are all in harmony. In the same way as all "objects" in this world are fundamentally impermanent, and essentially arbitrary, partitions of an otherwise continuous, unfragmented whole, I view photography as an almost mystical process whereby this illusion of fragmentation is momentarily lifted and the underlying essence of the universe revealed. To "see" the whole, one must first learn to see "parts" as mere illusions.

In simplest terms, I take pictures of what calms my soul. There may be other, more descriptive or poetic words that may be used to define the "pattern" that connects my images, but the simplest meta-pattern is this: I take snapshots of moments in time and space in which a peace washes gently over me, and during which I sense a deep interconnectedness between my soul and the world.

Not Henri Cartier-Bresson's "Decisive Moment,"
but rather a *Sudden Stillness*

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55 Images

Lenswork
Print & Extended Edition
Issue #95, July/August 2011

Entropic Melodies

27 Images

Multi-page spotlight feature
B&W Magazine, February 2006









Frozen Ciphers

40 Images

Glyphs

35 Images

Multi-page spotlight feature
B&W Magazine, December 2011









Hawaii I



Hawaii II









Megaliths

12 Images

Featured on Elizabeth Avedon's Blog
December 17, 2009

Elizabeth Avedon is a well known curator and artist who collaborates with major museums, publishing houses, advertising agencies, galleries, and artists

Metaphor

32 Images

Solo commissioned exhibit
Books & Books Gallery
Coral Gables, FL, 2007









Microworlds

75 Images

Lenswork
Print & Extended Edition
Issue #76, May-June, 2008

Mystic Flame

70 Images

"Worlds Within Worlds" exhibit
American Center for Physics
College Park, MD, 2009 / 2010
(Curator: Sarah Tanguy)









Portals

18 Images

Spirit & Light

30 Images

Lenswork
Extended Edition
Issue #71, July-August, 2007









Synesthscares I

38 Images

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Stone Voices, Winter 2013 Issue

Group exhibit, Abstract Expressions

Vermont Photography Workplace

2012 (Juror: Carl Chiarenza)

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38 Images

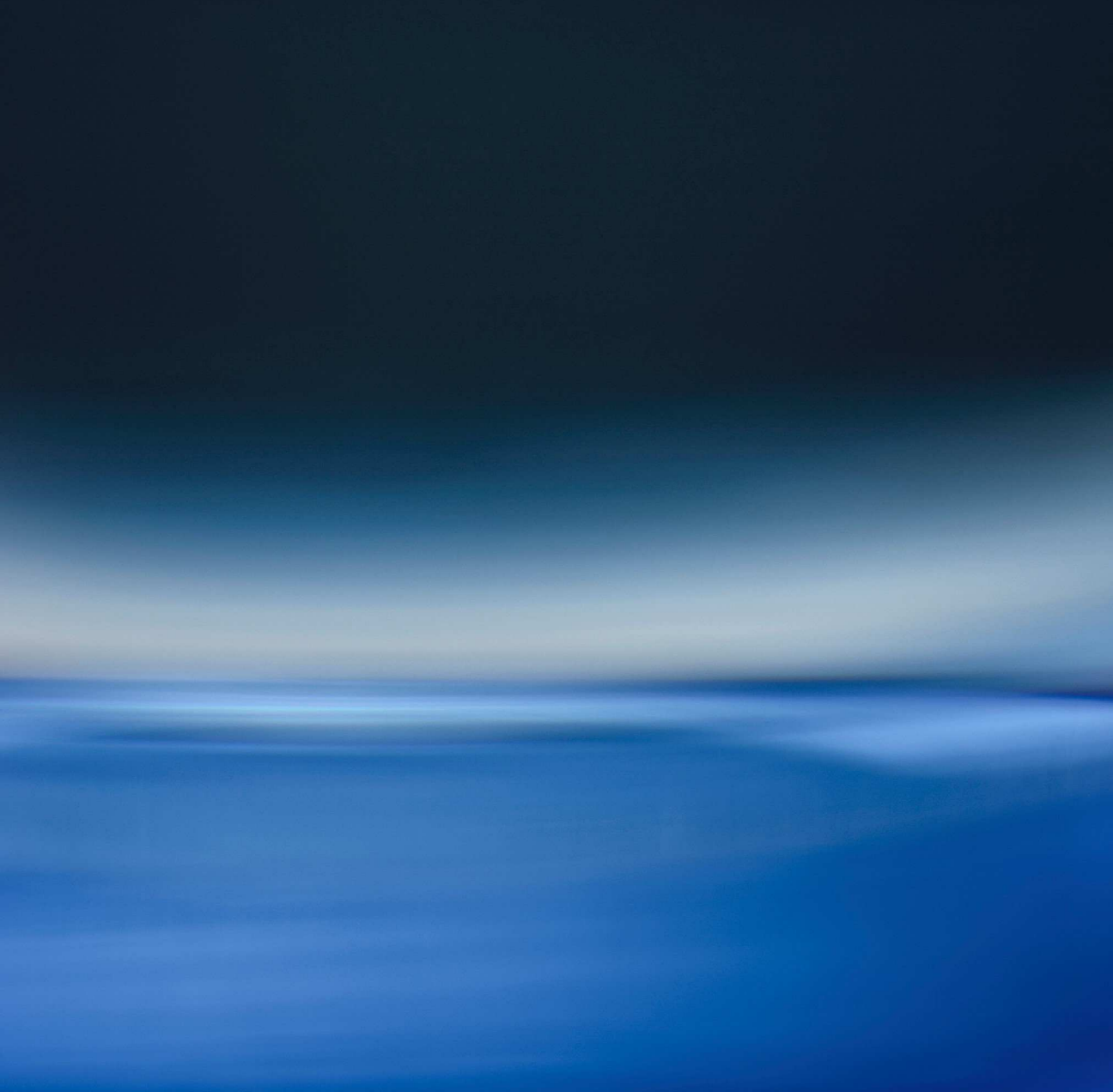
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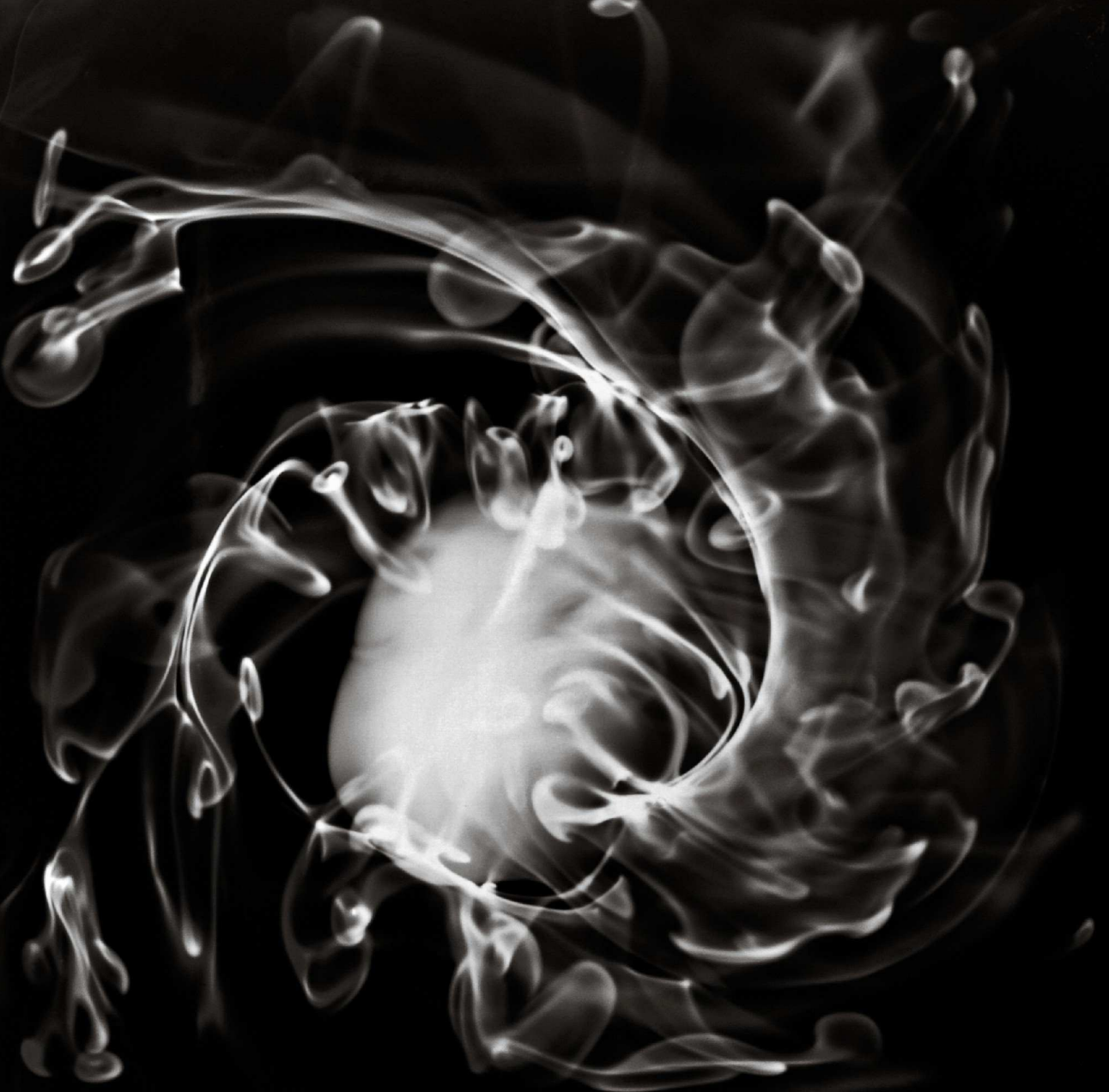
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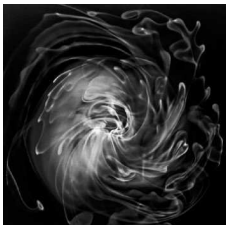
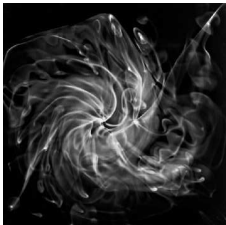
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Swirls, Whorls, and Tendrils

62 Images

Cover Images, *South Poetry Review*
Volume 50, No. 1 & 2 (2013)

Tao

24 Images

(Top image) featured in UK's
Black & White Photography magazine,
(Issue #45, April 2005)





Sudden Stillness: Fine-Art Photography



Light

20 Images



Water

24 Images



Trees

30 Images



Geometry

22 Images

Additional images & portfolios available

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Hawaii
30 Images



Greece
36 Images



Scotland
30 Images



Grand Teton
24 Images

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"Synesthsapes" Portfolio, *Lenswork Magazine*, DVD Edition, Issue #105 (March/April 2013)

Cover Image, *South Poetry Review*, Vol 50, Issue 1, Winter 2012 / Spring 2013

Group exhibit, *Vermont Photography Workplace*, March-June, 2012

"Luray Caverns" Portfolio, *Lenswork Magazine*, Print/DVD Edition, Issue #95 (July/Aug 2011)

"Abstract Glyphs," Portfolio Spotlight, *B&W Magazine*, December 2011

Merit Awards (Animals & Pattern/Texture), *Black & White Magazine's* Single Image Contest 2011 (Issue #80, Pages 30, 220, Feb 2011)

Belnavis Art Gallery, Small Works Exhibit, West Springfield, Virginia (Oct-Dec 2010)

Finalist, 2010 *B&W Spider Awards* (Nature)

Juried exhibit, Abstraction in Photography, *Vermont Photography Workplace / Photoplace Gallery*, Middlebury, VT (Oct 2010)

Cover photo of music album, 16:9, Stuart Sweeney (*Oomff*, new independent label based in Corby, Northants, UK)

Solo show, *Hyatt Regency Hotel*, Market Street Bar & Grill, Town Center, Reston, VA (Feb/April, 2010); Greater Reston Arts Center

"World Within Worlds," Group Exhibit, *American Center for Physics*, College Park, MD, 2009 / 2010

First Prize, "Body of Work" group exhibit, ROHO Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, 2009

Finalist, 2009 *B&W Spider Awards* (Architecture)

Finalist (Abstract Category) World Wide Photography Gala Awards, 2009

Featured photographer, 2010 wall calendar and datebook, *Change Your Mind, Change Your Life*, by Dwyane Dyer (Amber Lotus Publishing)

Founding (juried) member of *Lorton Arts Photography Workhouse Association*, Northern Virginia, 2008-2009

Featured photographer (at behest of editor, *Lenswork Magazine*) at LOOK3 photo festival (Charlottesville, VA), 2009

Featured artist, *Northern VA Mag*, August 2009

"Micro Worlds" Portfolio, *Lenswork magazine*, Print & Extended Edition, Issue #76 (May-June, 2008)

Merit award, *Black & White Magazine* (2008)

Semi-finalist, *Photographer's Forum Magazine*, Annual Contest 2008

One-man photo Exhibit (27 Photographs) Books & Books, Coral Gables, FL (Dec, 2007)

Honorable Mention, *Photo Technique*, Portfolio Contest 2007

Lenswork, DVD, Issue #71 (July-August, 2007)

Winner of book contest, sponsored by UK *Black & White Magazine* and *Envisage Books* (2007)

Featured photographer for *Transdisciplinarity and the Unity of Knowledge Conference*, Metanexus Institute, University of Pennsylvania (June, 2007)



A Ph.D. physicist specializing in complex adaptive systems,
Andy Ilachinski spends most of his free time with a camera

A founding member of Lorton Arts Foundation's *Workhouse
Photographic Society* in 2009 (near Occoquan, VA), his
photographs have won numerous awards, have been
exhibited in many juried solo and group shows, and
hang in galleries, businesses, and private homes

Featured in *Lenswork* four times, in *Black & White* twice,
Andy has won various awards in the prestigious
B&W Spider awards, and won the book
contest sponsored by the UK
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