

## **Artists Statement**

Photography is a means for me to observe the beauty in the world. It took me a while to realize that. For a long time I figured it was the only profession I could choose where making a living wasn't really work. Where I loved what I did so much that going on vacation and working were the same thing. But in doing this, something happened. My eyes were opened. The world slowed down and my perceptions began to change. I started seeing what has always been there. It was no longer just photography but a new view entirely. I could go to a place with the sole intention of seeing it. No time restraints, nowhere else to be, just the "place". Suddenly I could see things more clearly. Everything else just faded away. All my senses were tuned to that perfect moment when the light became magical. To be able to see these things showed me what I was meant to do; to capture on film that which I have been privileged to witness, to make last that which happens in nature. The camera is my excuse to be there, to take the time and recognize what is to be seen. I do it for me. I want to see what others might have overlooked. To find what I think to be the best composition, to express the way a scene makes me feel. I feel so fortunate to do this. People can forget how beautiful the world around them is. There are those who haven't seen a sunset in as long as they can remember. I hope I can decorate their walls and offices so they can escape if only for a moment. I have been lucky enough to find a profession that inspires me and fills me with joy every day. One that takes me to see the magnificence surrounding me, and express myself in a way that can inspire and show it to others. I hope you enjoy my images as much as I enjoyed taking them.

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