

Biography

A born and raised Californian, David H. Collier had the fortune to grow up surrounded by the beauty that California holds. This, in combination with family road trips every summer, had him hooked on the outdoors at a young age. A longing for independence, and a feeling that a career in music was secondary to something else (only now partially discovered in his life), would send David on countless solo road trips up and down the California coast with an old 35mm Minolta camera. This, followed by classes in college, eventually lead him to the prestigious Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara where photography became the center-point of his life. Engulfed in every aspect of the art, and surrounded by it at all times, he was soon winning awards for his dedication. By his third and final year at the institute David had accumulated nine such awards and scholarships. At the age of 23, he had his first solo exhibition at the Open Shutter Galley in Durango Colorado, followed by a very successful venue at the Brooks Institute Montecito campus. In April of 2004, David left his job and apartment in Santa Barbara to travel through China which, to say the least, opened his eyes to the world outside of the United States - something he will never stop exploring. Now, living back where it all started in Northern California, David continues to travel and produce imagery with an incredible passion that could only be inspired by his love of the subject itself.