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Narrative Photography

In <u>what ways</u> can we tell stories through a photograph?

CINEMATIC STORYTELLING

CINDY SHERMAN



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JEFF WALL "Insomnia"















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The Dream of Flowers

Photographs @ Duane Michals

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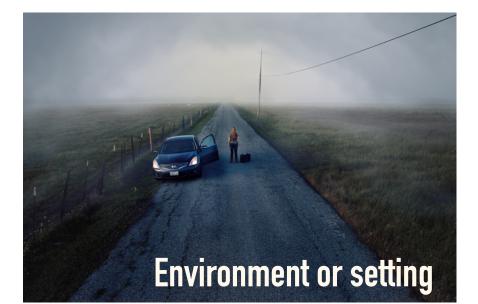


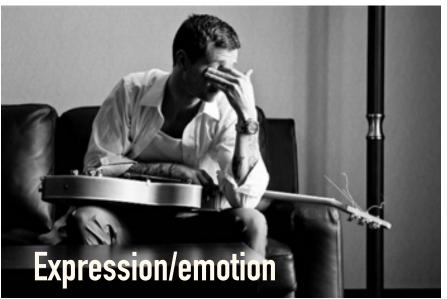


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OBJECTIVE:

Create a narrative panorama or series that combines <u>three</u> or <u>more</u> images together cohesively using principles of composition and contrasting points of view to illustrate a simple story or event.

<u>Panorama</u> – direct visual connection between images









<u>Sequential Series</u> – implied connection between images

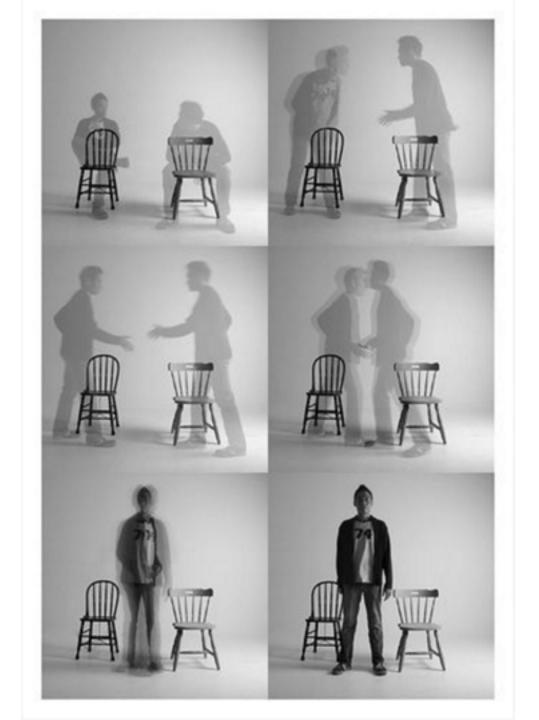


Usually intended to be "read" in a certain order/direction









<u>NARRATIVE SERIES (DIGITAL)</u>

In-progress check-in

As a group, respond to the following questions on a piece of paper:

1. What is your idea/story?

- 2. Describe your photographic approach (Will you be shooting from different angles/perspectives? Up close, or far away?)
- 3. Where do you plan to shoot?
- 4. Is there anything that you're stuck on?

*Be prepared to share your responses with the class!

PART ONE: due Fri. Digital Practice (²0 points)



- 1. Get into groups of 2-3.
- 2. Decide on a scene that you would like to create/act out with the other members in your group (one per group). You may use the ideas on your worksheet to inspire you.
- 3. Complete brainstorming worksheet to plan your panorama: 1 IDEA <u>PER GROUP</u>
 - 4. Shoot images with phone or DSLR (ask me if you would like to borrow one!)

Feeling stuck? Go to website for visual inspiration!

klim-art.weebly.com

(CLASSWORK > NARRATIVE SERIES)

lf you are done shooting, work on <u>Photoshop:</u> <u>Photo Restoration!</u>

(Due Fri.)



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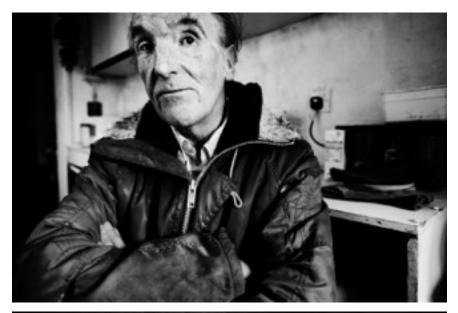


DOCUMENTARY STORYTELING

What in this world do you <u>care</u> about? What are you trying to <u>reveal</u> about our world?











J.A. MORTRAM <u>"Small Town Inertia"</u>



ALEC SOTH



ALEC SOTH "Ten Years After Hurricane Katrina"



STUART GRIFFITHS "Homeless"



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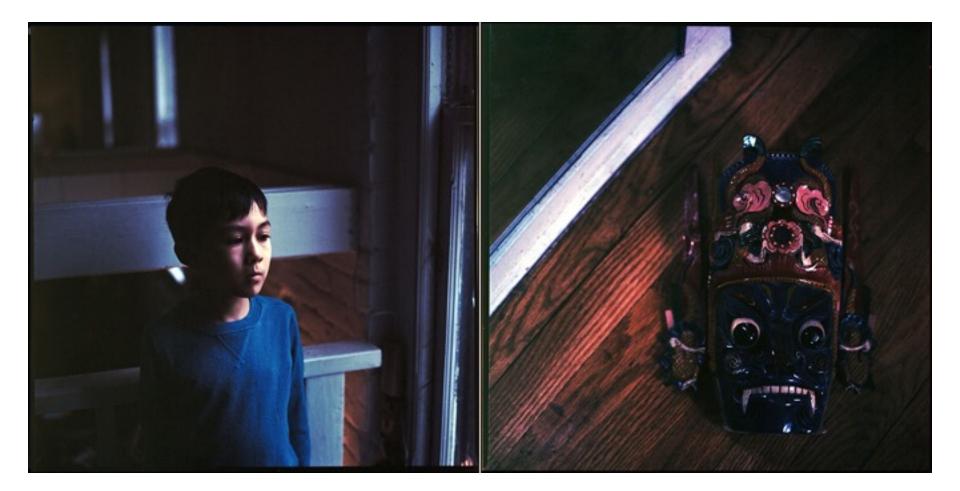
STORTFLING



RAMSAY DE GIVE/KRISTEN JOY WATTS "The Weight of Objects"



"I have a lot of secret things and collections, like potions and rocks and fortune tellers, and stuff like gallium which is a metal that melts. I chose this string because you can make so many things with it but if you looked at it, you would think, 'oh that's just a string.' Sometimes in school I don't talk, but I'm always thinking."



"My dad bought this mask in the olden days before I was alive from a Chinese man with one eyeball who painted it. When I was little I would run past it at night because it looked alive in the dark. Now I like it so much, I even think it will scare bad guys away."



"He brought this box with him from China to Taiwan when the Communists came in 1949, and then later to the U.S. with just a few belongings. When he came down with cancer, I was too absorbed in my new job and life in New York City to understand that even superheroes are mortal. I never took my grandfather around the world, so now I carry his box with me everywhere I go."



"One morning I noticed the shapes the covers made after I had gotten up and was intrigued how that related to the sleep I just emerged from.

I am interested in the psychological space between sleep and consciousness, and how the change that occurs within that space is recorded by the bedding."







How is a <u>series</u> different from a single image?



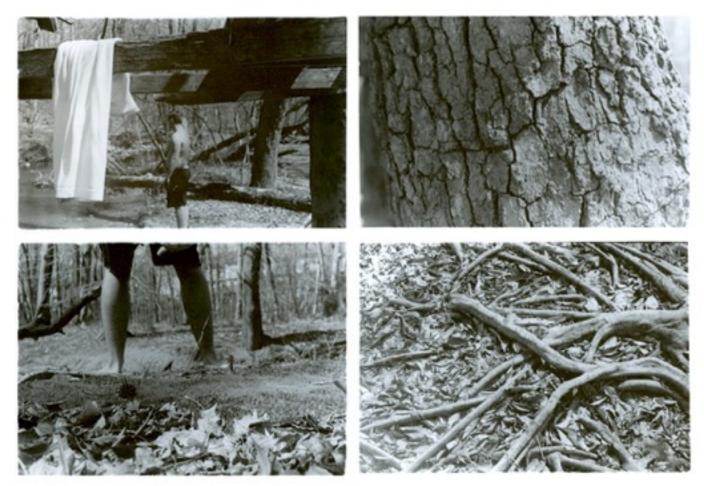


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YOUR PHOTOS MUST 2. Use principles of composition



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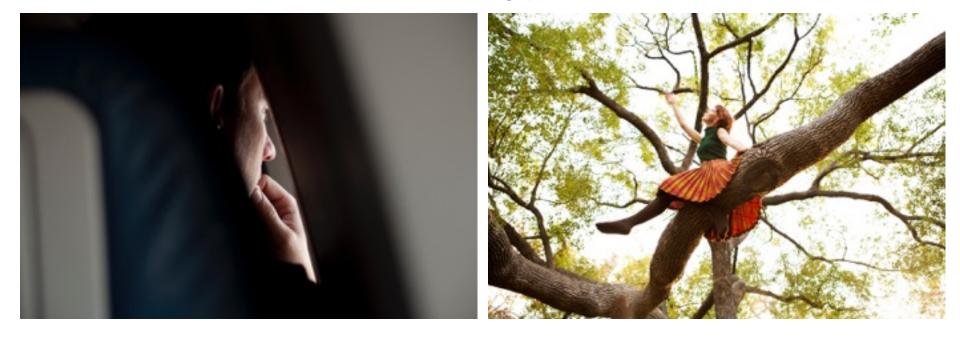


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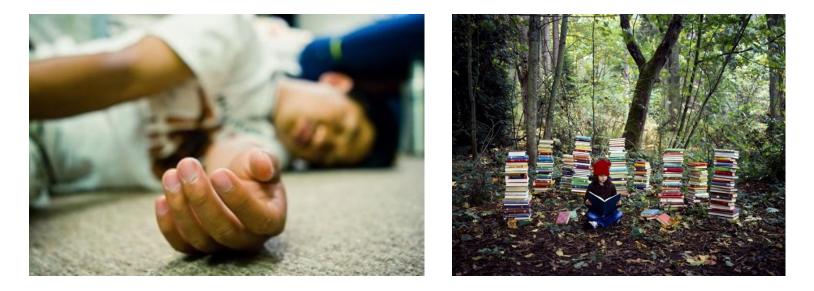


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YOUR PHOTOS MUST6. Show consideration of <u>camera controls</u>



- · Need to capture all the action? Use DEEP depth of field!
- Need to capture a feeling of intimacy/isolation? <u>Use</u> <u>SHALLOW depth of field!</u>
- Need to record movement? <u>Use SLOW shutter speeds!</u>



Lost in Translation, 2003

Shallow DOF = sense of isolation





Deep DOF = sense of unity

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