

Artist Statement

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My work challenges traditional views of landscape photography in the American West. Moving beyond grand landscapes, my photography explores simplicity, minimalism, and abstraction. By reducing compositions to their most essential elements, I focus on intimate scenes of the West that convey mood, emotion, and aesthetic depth. I invite viewers to engage more deeply with the subject matter, where the quiet beauty of the West reveals its power to heal, inspire, and provide solace.

Inspired by the transformative power of these places, my images convey a sense of solitude and tranquility, often evoking – sometime metaphorically – feelings of joy, love, loss, or loneliness. Through the careful use of shapes, lines, and patterns, with an emphasis on color and light, I strive to infuse each image I create with emotion and depth.

The aim of my work is simple: I am not interested in merely depicting reality or replicating someone else's vision. While I draw creative inspiration from various sources and artists across different mediums, I firmly believe that artistic endeavors should be driven and evaluated by the extent to which the artist conveys their unique vision, interpretations, feelings, and emotions. My goal is to create art that is personally fulfilling. By staying true to this vision, I will have achieved everything I set out to accomplish, both personally and professionally.

