

Peninsula Library System presents

DREAMS + REALITY

Photographs by ANGELA BACON-KIDWELL + TRACY MARTIN

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ANGELA BACON-KIDWELL



Statement:

"Say not, I have found the truth, but rather I have found a truth" These words of Kahlil Gibran reach out to me and compel my search. My work is a journey and surrender with known and unexplained emotions. Using contradictory symbols that are personal and multilayered, an image can simultaneously represent what I am questioning and what I have answered. As I move through my day, I am keenly aware of my encounters with people, places and things. I mentally record the details of these situations, and the physical or emotional responses that they evoke. These fleeting associations replay themselves in my dreams. The random moments combine to form sleep stories that are rich narratives, ripe with symbolism. With that as my model, I construct sets, use props and invite myself and models to perform in a natural, intuitive way. In essence, I attempt to create a waking dream.

Bio:

In 2009, Angela placed first in the International Photography Awards in the Fine Art category for her "Traveling Dream" series. The Texas Photographic Society selected Angela as one of six Featured Artists in the Membership Print Program of 2009. Her photographs have been selected for numerous shows, juried exhibitions, publications both nationally and internationally. In the fall of 2009 Angela will participate in the Verve Gallery, Santa Fe online Emerging Artist Exhibition and will show her Traveling Dream series at Newspace Center for Photography in December 2009.

Angela was nominated for the Baum Award for American emerging photographer in 2008, Critical Mass winner Top 50 and received an honorable mention in the International Photography Awards. She holds a B.F.A specialization in Painting with a minor in Photography from Midwestern State University and resides in Wichita Falls, Texas with her husband and son.

TRACY MARTIN



Bio:

Tracy Martin is San Francisco based photographer whose roots are based in a small farming community located in southern Quebec. An educated eye reveals her rural upbringing as she captures the fragility and wonder of life. The authenticity of her roots translate into her mystical, yet hauntingly realistic style of imagery. She splits her time between what she considers two diametrically opposed endeavors, professional horse training and a career in graphic design. In the beginning, she merged both through the medium of photography.

Her subject matter are as varied as her own imagination including macro to landscape, street, to live theatrical performances. Her resulting imagery always carry a common thread; a subtle graphic texture that is unique to her work. Her photographic influences include Yousef Karsh, Mary Ellen Mark, and the many inspiring and multi-talented artists from which she both draws and provides inspiration.

Statement:

My most recent work is an ongoing exploration of everyday intimacies, joys, gestures, expressions and family dynamics. I am inherently drawn to capture the optimistic aspects of life; the joyful and mischievous moments that celebrate, the moments we wish to remember, yet never discounting the harsh realities of our modern world. My travels take me to visit family twice a year which juxtapose that of an aging father whose will to live dimmed long ago to my young niece who pursues life with complete abandon. These opposites influence my work and in the resulting imagery I try to tell a story of both joy and the fragile nature of time. A consummate observer, I prefer to photograph intuitively letting scenes unfold naturally with subjects that are either complete strangers or people to whom I am most intimate.



ABK - Whispery Moment



TM - America's Tragedy



ABK - Wishing to Fly



TM - Fly



ABK - After The Storm



TM - Home



ABK - Night Hunt



TM - Woo Woo