

Toronto Camera Club Presentation

Audio-Visual
Competition #2
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Now for the Shows!



Croatia – A View From A Bus

Bill Komar



Croatia – A View From The Bus

- Were it not for a presentation made by Branimir Gjetvaj, my wife and I would not have considered visiting Croatia in the fall of 2023 at all. But something in the photo essay that Branimir had put together was enticing, especially the images of the many waterfalls in Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of several UNESCO World Heritage Sites that were listed on his tour's itinerary. Being a photography tour lead by a photographer native to Croatia was reassuring and sealed the deal.
- As a “once-in-a-lifetime” tour, I wanted to make sure I captured as much as possible and the view from the bus presented the most opportunity to see the country and that is where much of our time would be spent. However, this also limited what was presented to my camera and how to compose and frame it before it was gone. It is very challenging to get decent images from a moving bus with tinted glass windows and splattered with bugs on a dirty windshield! The light was always changing and almost never from the right direction. Despite these challenges, the richness of the views allowed us to capture a sense of the country’s history, from its Roman ruins to its modern buildings, its progress out of civil conflict, how it has rebuilt itself, and most of all its natural beauty. Once off the bus we were given the opportunity to experience its people and culture, but that is a different story.
- The view from the bus is immediate without being invasive. Glimpses of people doing every day things giving a collective impression how they live their lives. Stores and shops hint at the people’s level of prosperity and opportunity. Churches, restaurants, and gas stations hint at their cultural ideals and aspirations. The images in this photo essay is my attempt to capture all that.

Hometown Uni Art



Hometown

- This photo essay is about my hometown.
- Mountains, rivers, rice terrace fields are unique features that represent the harmony of nature and human in a very traditional agricultural lifestyle.
- In the fast-paced modern society, urbanization and industrialization are destroying this beauty and culture. A few years ago, due to a reservoir being built there, some villages have disappeared forever under the water. Some of the photos become the last memory of the beautiful existence.

Route 66 Road Trip

Larry Sy



Route 66 Road Trip

- In March 2023, I needed to attend a reunion in Las Vegas. Instead of taking the short 5 hour flight from Toronto, my wife and I decided to take the long path by doing a road trip through Route 66 as I heard so much about it.
- Route 66 is one of the original highways in the US Numbered Highway System. The highway spans from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California, covering a total of almost 4000 kilometers. Route 66 declined as a major thoroughfare following the construction of the Interstate Highway System forcing businesses along the way to close-down.
- Route 66 was referred to as "Mother Road" in John Steinbeck's novel *The Grapes of Wrath*. It was immortalized by the 1946 hit song "Get Your Kicks on Route 66" sang by Nat King Cole.
- Disney's 2006 animated film "Cars" transformed the forgotten towns and quirky roadside attractions along Route 66 into vibrant characters and settings.
- I took a lot of photos along the way originally to share on social media. I picked some of those photos to share in this video. Join me in reminiscing the path we took and the attractions and places we visited along the way. I hope you enjoy it as much as I enjoyed making it.

Pale Horse Pale Rider

Sarah Sheard



Pale Horse Pale Rider

- This is a compilation of several camera sessions I shot at a reining horse barn outside Uxbridge, Ontario. I have been experimenting with how best to convey the power and speed of movement of these competitive horses and their rider under saddle. Thus the deliberate blurring. Working with arena lighting and the constant dust was a challenge.
- I composed the music while watching the footage

Kensington Departed

Walter Teres



Kensington Departed

- Kensington Market is described as having: [an] “independent spirit, colourful shop fronts, vibrant murals, charismatic locals and people... [that give] the area a vibrant street culture unique to the city of Toronto.” --- The Canadian Encyclopedia
- City administrators and those who hold positions of responsibility continue to voice these descriptors.
- What I found, however, was grime, dirt, decay and vandalism, – prominent indicators of urban blight and a city in decline.

Moments

Ali Soheil



Moments

- The most beautiful things in life are simple moments but somehow we miss the opportunity to truly live and enjoy this simplicity. Instead, we spend our time in regretting the past and worrying about the future.
- I am no different in that I make that mistake like everyone else however for some reason once I am doing street photography and am behind the viewfinder, time stands still and I begin to see and observe these beautiful moments, emotions and interactions. I captured these pictures on a Sunday in the market. I hope you like them and I hope you truly enjoy simple and beautiful moments like these before it's too late.

An Afternoon at the Rodeo

Victor Peters



An Afternoon at the Rodeo

- Local rodeos held in various Ontario small towns are a lot of fun and a wonderful venue for photographers. Watch for all the photographers in the backgrounds, especially the “official” one dressed in black who can sometimes be seen actually inside the fence. But even without getting inside the fence you can get really close to the action and can interact freely with the cowboys and cowgirls in between events and afterwards. It’s quite an interesting life they lead. I hope this audio-visual presentation will give you some idea of what they experience on a regular basis.

Four Seasons in Four Minutes

Sara Shettleworth-Mrosofsky



Four Seasons in Four Minutes

- The gardens surrounding Spadina Museum are among my favorite places in Toronto. I have been visiting them year-round for years, in recent years frequently taking my camera. This video is a celebration of the beauty of this special place as it changes through the seasons. Revisiting the sunny days and bright colors in the midst of winter brought me a lot of pleasure, and I hope it does the same for the audience.

Saga of Iceland Waterfalls

Rob Jemmett



Saga of Iceland Waterfalls

- Although it is called the land of Fire and Ice, the waterfalls in Iceland are spectacular. During my trip to Iceland in 2022, I traveled in the South West part of Iceland and was able to see 5 of these waterfalls.
- Norse mythology has many stories, and these are called sagas. Often these sagas are about Norse gods, but in my case, this saga is about the waterfalls I visited on my trip.
- I hope you enjoy it.

Competition Runner-up

Japan 2023 Finding Our Ikigai

Susan Lemieux



Japan 2023 Finding Our Ikigai

- While travelling around Japan in the Fall 2023, we discovered a beautiful Japanese concept called **IKIGAI (ee-kee-guy)**. It refers to something that gives you a deep sense of purpose, satisfaction, and joy. The Japanese believe everyone has an Ikigai - a passion inside you, a unique talent that gives meaning to your day.
- In writing about this concept, authors Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles, determined that there were “**SIMPLE RULES THAT THE JAPANESE LIVE BY.**” They believed that if you follow these rules, you can improve your health and well-being - so you can discover and live your own Ikigai.

Competition Top Winner !!

Combobulate

Gareth Jones



Combobulate

- Combobulate – defined as “To put together in order. To bring something out of a state of confusion or disarray” – was the perfect title in my mind for an exploration into the world of experimental photography, since whenever I tried to get my mind around it, I always found it confusing.
- So, an essay that brings order to a confusing genre of photography seemed like a good idea. What could go wrong? Just start with some examples and then push the photographic images as far as I could to create interesting, dynamic and sometimes fun/playful images.
- That’s what I did in this essay.
- It will certainly push people to think about experimental photography and how the heck do you even consider what’s a good image in this genre. But that’s one think I like – to push the limits, see what’s possible.
- After all of this, when I finished, I realized that I’ve only just scratched the surface – I can see another 50 essays here!!
- I’ll likely leave that to others.... Enjoy.

Thank You

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