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Ask a photographer what it takes to make good imagery and the type of camera used will not be the first thing they mention. Photographers have long understood that a good camera doesn't guarantee a good image and, likewise, a lesser camera does not guarantee a lesser image. For generations, camera makers have provided an abundance of equipment options from inexpensive, i.e. the Brownie, Instamatic, Holga to much more expensive models. This trend has grown and, oddly enough, intersected the telecommunications industry. The result is that virtually everyone with a cellular telephone also has a camera in their pocket/purse whether they want it or not.

The cost barrier to becoming a photographer has been completely removed.

Anyone can "snap a picture" with very little thought or intent, however there still remains talent and skill in "creating an image". The *iPhone Invitational* was created with this in mind. Images with real impact occur regardless of what equipment or device was used to create them. Looking over these selected images shows skill in selecting subject matter, distance, angle and the other things a true photographer utilizes in creating imagery.

Talya Arbisser's (TX) trademark use of color is apparent with every camera she uses. Ivan Avila's (NV) skill in incorporating strong lines shows compositional confidence. Trish Badger (TX) turns her eye to relatable, accessible subject matter and brings the viewer into her world with demonstrated ease. Nathalie Brouard (TX) seeks familiar surroundings for her imagery and gives a very calm sense of place. Barbara Koslov (TX) chose to take us to the American West and incorporate a use of color that has a time-free quality. Susana O'Docharty's (TX) visual surprises require the viewer to engage her images with a playful sense of seriousness. Donna Perkins' (TX) intimate view of family is time-independent, showing a familiar American scene. Scheryle Reuss (CA) has a certain sense of urgency and tension in her images. Lyn Sullivan's (TX) passion of NYC is evident in her compositions. Tom Vani (WA) creates blurred abstract landscapes in a painterly style.

For millennia, an artist's creation was determined by what tools and materials were available. The iPhone is now playing a role in art history and the passage of time will ultimately determine its impact.

- Matt Adams, curator

For purchase inquires, please contact the photographer or Matt@AdamsImagery.com.

Thanks are expressed to Brookfield Properties for providing Total Plaza Gallery's space for this exhibition.

## Talya Arbisser (TX)

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Title: Underwear Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 100 Price, unframed: 75

Title: *M&M Anticipation* Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 100 Price, unframed: 75

Title: Urban Baby Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 100 Price, unframed: 75

Title: *Playtime* Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 100 Price, unframed: 75 Title: *Bug Love* Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 100 Price, unframed: 75

Title: Houston Sunset Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 100 Price, unframed: 75

Title: Final Stretch Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 100 Price, unframed: 75

#### Ivan Avila (NV)

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Title: The Mirror Image Size: 4.5" x 4.5" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 100

Title: On My Way Image Size: 4.5" x 4.5" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 100

Title: Binion's Casino, Las Vegas, NV. Image Size: 4.5" x 4.5" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 100

#### Title: Loneliness Image Size: 4.5" x 4.5" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 100

Title: God Bless You Image Size: 4.5" x 4.5" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 100

# Trish Badger (TX)

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Title: *Liberty* Image Size: 5" x 7" Frame Size: 8x10 Price, framed: 30 Price, unframed: 15

Title: Sonic sky Image Size: 5" x 5" Frame Size: 10" x 10" Price, framed: 30 Price, unframed: 15

Title: Wall Street Image Size: 5" x 5" Frame Size: 10" x 10" Price, framed: 30 Price, unframed: 15 Title: *Moustache* Image Size: 5" x 5" Frame Size: 10" x 10" Price, framed: 30 Price, unframed: 15

Title: Sunrise Image Size: 5" x 5" Frame Size: 10" x 10" Price, framed: 30 Price, unframed: 15

#### Nathalie Brouard (TX)

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Title: Agatha Christie Image Size: 7" x 7" Frame Size: 20" x 16" Price, framed: NFS Price, unframed: NFS

Image Size: 7" x 7" Frame Size: 20" x 16" Price, framed: NFS Price, unframed: NFS

Title: Platform

## **Barbara Koslov (TX)**

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Title: Olmsted Point – Yosemite Image Size: 4.4" x 4.4" Frame Size: 5" x 5" Price, framed: 175 Price, unframed: 50

# Susana O'Docharty (TX)

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Title: *Mixture* Image Size: 7" x 7" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 200 Price, unframed: 85 Title: Consecutive Heatwave Image Size: 7" x 7" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 200 Price, unframed: 85

# Donna E Perkins (TX)

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Title: Parents In The Kitchen Image Size: 10.5" x 14" Frame Size: 16" x 20" Price, framed: 400 Price, unframed: 175

# Sheryle Russ (CA)

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Title: Air Conditioning Image Size: 5" X 5" Frame Size: 10.25" x 10.25" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 75

Title: Summer In The City Image Size: 5" X 5" Frame Size: 10.25" x 10.25" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 75 Title: Library Image Size: 5" X 5" Frame Size: 10.25" x 10.25" Price, framed: 125 Price, unframed: 75

#### Lyn Sullivan (TX)

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Title: Masraff's Image Size: 6" x 6" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 150 Price, unframed: 100

Title: Union Square Path Image Size: 7" x 5" Frame Size: 16" x 11" Price, framed: 150 Price, unframed: 100 Title: *Blizzard Eve* Image Size: 7" x 5" Frame Size: 14" x 11" Price, framed: 150 Price, unframed: 100

Title: Raining Men Image Size: 7" x 5" Frame Size: 16" x 11" Price, framed: 150 Price, unframed: 100

# Tom Vani (WA)

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Title: Dystopia 01 Image Size: 8" x 8" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 195 Price, unframed: 145

Title: Dystopia 07 Image Size: 8" x 8" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 195 Price, unframed: 145 Title: Dystopia 04 Image Size: 8" x 8" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 195 Price, unframed: 145

Title: Dystopia 12 Image Size: 8" x 8" Frame Size: 12" x 12" Price, framed: 195 Price, unframed: 145