

Mara Zaslove

Although a native Californian, I have traveled extensively throughout this country and abroad. The bulk of my portfolio revolves around my exploration of people, cultures and environments and mirrors my love of form and design. Traveling affords me the opportunity to record the primal beauty of the human spirit within its established settings.

When I look through my camera, I am drawn towards a composition that tells a story. Photography has ignited a passion that has interwoven my view of the world with my life experiences. The outcome results in an unfolding documentation of the world in which we live.

I focus on a variety of motifs and primarily rely on natural light to reflect an array of patterns and interrelationships. At times, I engage my subjects but also utilize my telephoto to capture candid shots that exude a sense of humor and humanity.

I grew up in a family that embraced the arts and find that my early exposure permeates my sense of balance and style. I developed an inspired love of photography and later in life, rekindled that passion into a vocation. When shooting, my innate reaction to what I experience consistently delights my senses and translates seamlessly to print.

Fine Art Photographer

Artist Member of Women in Photography International (WIPI) – 2010

Artist Member of Los Angeles Artist's Association (LAAA) – 2009

Gallery 825

Solo Show

- “By the Sea” Twenty-eight photographs (taken in Barbados) – 17th Street Cafe, Santa Monica, CA – 2011
- “Sounds of Quiet: a seasonal perspective” – Olema, CA – 2007

Group Shows

- Essie Award Finalist (3 pieces), Summer Showcase – Gallore Gallery, Middletown, Conn. – 2011
- “Out There” – Gallery 825, Los Angeles, CA – 2011
- “Emerging Artist Series” – Art Network News Quarterly, AJAS, Texas – 2011
- “Landscape” – SoftCanvas.com – 2011
- “Early Morning, After Dark” – Mpls, MN – 2011
- “Wish You Were Here 10” – A.I.R Gallery, NY – 2011
- “Annual Photography Spring Exhibition” – SMC, L.A. – 2011
- “Kid Stuff” – 1650 Gallery, Echo Park, CA (Andrew Overtoom, Juror) – 2011
- “A Day in the Life of LA” – 24/1 Active Arts@The Music Center – 2011

- "Simplicity" (Honorable Mention) – A.Smith Gallery, TX – 2011
- "Serenity Winter" – UCSF Women's Health Center, Floors 3,4,5,6,7 Sponsored by the UCSF National Center for Women's Health – San Francisco, CA – 2011
- "Mixing Bowl" Immigration & Diversity in America – The Target Gallery/Torpedo Factory Art Center, VA – 2011
- "Romance" (Honorable Mention) – A.Smith Gallery, TX (Amanda Smith, Juror) – 2011
- "Woman as Photographer" Documenting Life as a Woman – Mpls Photo Center, Minnesota (Christina Chang, juror) – 2011
- "Art of Photography" – SoftCanvas.com – 2011
- "Moonstruck" – Cahoon Museum of American Art, Massachusetts – 2010
- "Best of Nature Photography Show" – Ordovery Gallery, San Diego Natural History Museum – 2010
- "2010 Open Exhibition" – TAG Gallery, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica, CA
- "Into the Wild" – Vermont Photography's Workplace – 2010
- "Natural Wonders" – PhotoPlace Gallery, Vermont – 2010
- "The Open Show" – Soft Canvas Gallery – 2010
- "LAAA's Annual Benefit Auction" – Gallery 825, Los Angeles, CA. – 2010
- "Serenity Spring" – UCSF Center for Women's Health, San Francisco, CA – 2010
- "Portrait of Barbados" – Hangar Gallery, Santa Monica, CA – 2010
- "A New Focus" – Infusion Gallery, Los Angeles, CA – 2009

Latest Competitions

PX 3 Official Selection, Prix de la Photographie Paris – 2011

ArtSlant Showcase – 2011

Winner for Round #3 (online portfolio)

"Gem", Gallery 825, LAAA – 2010, 2011

LAAA Fundraiser – "Aurora" – 2010, 2011

LAAA Annual Benefit Auction – 2010

Artslant – 2010

Juried 5

12th Annual International Faces Competition – 2010

Prescott College publication – 2010

Alligator Juniper

American Juried Art Salon juried in "Pier at Night" – Fall 2009

Master Level (online gallery)

Projekt 30 Juried in 'Fan Dancers' for October 2009 exhibition (online gallery)

Tattoo Highway Issue 16 – 2009

Apogee “Looking Up” – 2009

Received Honorable Mention

Apogee “Toes” – 2009

Received Honorable Mention

National Photo Awards October Competition – 2009

10th Place and Award of Excellence Winner/People Category 'Waterfight'

National Photo Awards June Contest – 2009

Ninth Place OPEN Category

Photographer's Forum Magazine

Award of Excellence

Finalist in 2009, 2007, 2005, and 2004.

Shutterbug Magazine – May 2009

Featured in 'Picture This!: A River Runs Through It'

American Juried Art Salon Juried Competition – 2008

Online Gallery

Focal Press July Contest

Honorary Mention

Projekt30 April Exhibition – 2008

Momentum: Images of Dance Juried Exhibition – 2008

Topanga Canyon Gallery Juried Competition – 2008

National Photo Awards – 2007

May Contest; December Contest: Seventh Place and OPEN Category Winner

Shutter Bug “Lazy Days of Summer” – February 2007

Water Fight

Coastal Living Competition – 2006

1st Runner Up

National Photo Awards – 2005

Amateur and Overall Annual Winner

Sierra Club 12th Annual Photography Exhibition – 2002

First Place

Exhibitions

- Cover photos for George Kahn's CD "Secrets from the Jazz Ghetto"
- 17th Street Cafe – Santa Monica, CA – 2008, 2004
- "A New Focus" – The Spot – Culver City, CA – 2007
- Trader Joes – Culver City, CA – 2006
- Artists Hang Themselves – Mt. Saint Mary's College – 2005
- Pacific Spine and Rehab – Marina del Ray, CA – 2005
- Handworks – Danville, CA – 2005
- Website Photos for George Kahn (Jazz Band) – 2005
- Marina Beach Salon – Marina del Ray, CA – 2004
- Cubby's Coffee House – Culver City, CA – 2004
- Samy's Travel Show, FIVE photographs hung in the exhibition – 2004
- Darylle B. – Santa Monica, CA – 2003
- Blake Physical Therapy – Marina del Rey, CA – 2003
- Samy's Five Senses Exhibition, THREE photographs selected for exhibition – 2003

Works in Personal Collection

- Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meyer
- Dr. Richard Guttler
- Diana and George Kahn
- Bob and Dianna Burdick
- Albert and Audrey Katz
- Jackie and Denny Hall
- Maithe and Phillippe Fournier
- Gayle and Andy Saxon
- Jerry and Ann Kaplan
- Janelle and Jim Hoffman