

November Creative Challenge



Creative Self Portrait

This month, I invite you to embark on a journey of self-discovery, exploring your identity as an artist or photographer. Our creative challenge for November draws inspiration from a thought-provoking quote by Richard Bach. He suggests, "Look in the mirror, and one thing is for sure, what you see is not who you are." However, we're going to put a unique twist on this quote. We'll say, "Look in the mirror, and one thing is for sure: What you see is who you are."

This month's challenge is all about creating a meaningful self-portrait that reflects your identity as an artist and photographer. The idea for this challenge arose out of necessity. As I explored our members' profiles, I noticed that many of you have either left your profiles blank or posted profile pictures that don't truly reveal your creative essence. As artists, we have an opportunity to present a compelling self-portrait that showcases our true selves.

Before you embark on this challenge, let me clarify what we are seeking and what we are not. Firstly, straightforward, conventional portraits are not what we are looking for, we want something that goes beyond the surface. Secondly, emojis won't suffice. We're after self-portraits that convey your creative intent. Thirdly, avoid using explanatory text or any narrative about who you are or your passions. Instead, your self-portrait should introduce you and your passion, whether it's for art or photography.

Here are the guidelines in a nutshell:

1. Create a new self-portrait; we don't want old ones from the past.
2. You must take the photograph yourself; no commissions allowed.
3. Utilise a mirror if needed; it's a valuable tool for this challenge.
4. Feel free to share photographs of your setup to inspire others on the challenge.
5. Go beyond a simple mirror selfie with a camera; be more imaginative.
6. Incorporate photography as part of your storyline, not just a display of your camera.

The good news is that you have an entire month to complete this challenge. We'll review your submissions and discuss them on the 6th of December.

A final piece of advice: don't procrastinate. Conceptualisation may take more time than you anticipate.

This November, we celebrate you, the artist. As you gaze into the mirror, remember that what you see is a true reflection of who you are as an artist, enjoy the creative journey.

Challenge closes: 3-12-2020 @18h00

Meet-up: 6-12-2023

Regards,
Martin Osner