

Statement for Axis Gallery Website  
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My way of life and the intention of my work have always been entwined. I seek to become as fully human as I may. And I am continuously engaged in an effort and commitment to fully becoming the unique shaped form that describes each and every one of us from our very beginning. My work is both a chronicle of the journey I take every day in honor of that effort and a love song to say how amazed I am by the mystery of being and becoming. No matter how strange and at times harrowing I may find this life, no matter how enchanted or disenchanted, always the amazing quality of the mystery of all that is persists and triumphs over all other possibilities.

Paying attention and noticing govern my visual practice. My work involves paying attention with my eyes in order to notice those visual experiences that trigger the sublimity, awe, wonder and delight that I cherish. The work is a capturing of those flashes, instants, instances when the aperture of what can be seen opens and is offered as a gift. So the aperture is as much the momentary opportunity to have primary experience as it is the moment to capture and preserve that experience. An intense passion for the human experience drives me in every way, and I look at life and death, living and dying, with the same curiosity and necessity. My goal for myself and for anyone who can benefit from such strategy and findings is to (en)courage each and everyone of us to stay with it and do this life with zest and zeal. No matter how conditions and circumstances are – how they appear – from the best to the worst – my goal is to herald and carry a torch that reveals the place where nothing can daunt true and authentic freedom and liberty or hinder synergy, integration and joy – all of which are available to everyone anytime and all the time.

Hear in images the heralding song that reminds and calls us to soar, see the ever-present opportunity to affirm and say yes in the infinite compositions that we can recognize and frame, and let this overcome fear, confusion and oblivion. To light, life, love, surprise, resonance and resilience!

With love,

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