



Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem

2009 Summer Photography Workshops



The Dual Face of Photography | Into the Field: Jerusalem August 2-31, 2009

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Introduction

Established in 1906, Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem is Israel's foremost academy of the arts and one of the top art and design schools in the world. In 1981, the photography department in Bezalel began awarding its students with a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Since then, the department has seen many of its alumni become leading artists in Israel and throughout the world; among them: Michal Rovner, Elinor Carucci, Adi Nes, Sharon Yaari, Yigal Shem-Tov, Yossi Berger, David Adika, Rona Yefman, Sharon Bareket and others.

Art does not exist in an empty vacuum. In Israel, the close interaction between peoples of different ethnicities and religions is not the mythology of ancient history but a daily reality with Jerusalem playing the volatile role of state capital and spiritual center of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. The complexities that are manifested in the cultures, politics, and religions of the area allow for equally complex documentary work, addressing the core issues of this field of photography.

In Israel, the majority of the citizens are Jewish with a large Arab minority. However, even within these groups the categories and boundaries are often blurred. The Jews are of African, Middle Eastern, European and Asian origin. The Arabs are mostly Palestinian, Bedouin, Druze, and Circassian with religious affiliation divided primarily between Islam and Christianity.

Since the borders of Israel have been subject to a prolonged dispute, almost every aspect of the lives of those living here has been affected. This is a highly dynamic place unlike any other. In addition to the diversity of its people, the land itself offers geographic variation that is unmatched. Within a few hours of travel, one may encounter forested mountains, barren deserts, modern cities, biblical archeological sites, ancient villages and suburban sprawl. Contemporary lifestyle juxtaposed with a carefully guarded traditional way of life, bustling nightlife contrasted with ancient religious ceremonies—**all of these create a fertile ground for artistic activity.**



Photography Workshops

The summer program will be comprised of photography workshops and guest lectures by leading experts who will provide an insight on the social, political, architectural and anthropological aspects of the area. Guest lectures will assist students in assessing the theoretical framework of their projects.

Workshop participants will be expected to select subject matter of their own choosing and produce a project at the end of the four week period. Class instruction will span two days per week and students are encouraged to utilize their time outside the workshop in photography in the Jerusalem area or in any other part of the country. Upon completion of the workshops, participants' projects will be discussed and reviewed in a roundtable.

Students will have full access to Bezalel's advanced digital laboratory, scanners, printers, computers, darkrooms, and development tools. The laboratory will be staffed by an assistant. Participants must arrive with their own laptop and basic photography equipment such as camera, flash, and tripod if applicable.

All lectures will be delivered in English. Each workshop is qualified for 4 ECTS or equivalent.

Workshop Instructors

Eldad Rafaeli – photojournalist specializing in long term projects. His work has been published in many magazines and exhibited widely in galleries and museums, in Israel and abroad.

<http://www.eldadrafaeli.com>

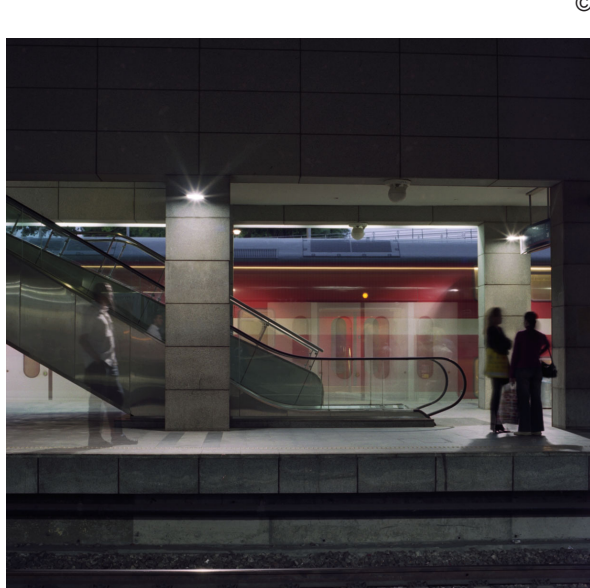
Yanai Toister – photographer, recipient of several national and international awards. His work has been featured in museums and galleries in Israel and abroad.

<http://www.yanaitoister.com>

Academic Oversight:

Miki Kratsman – head of the photography department at Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design Jerusalem, one of Israel's preeminent photojournalists. His work has been featured in museums and galleries.

<http://www.chelouchegallery.com/artistAbout.php?id=49>



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