

Jürgen DOPATKA

Black & White Fine Art Photography

Biography

- 1959 Born in Holzmaden, Germany
- 1974 Introduction to Photography
- From 1979 Serious approach to photography and black-and-white printing. Self-taught.
Major Subjects: Nature and People.
- Since 1980 Intensified pursuit of the theme "Vanishing Ways of Work and Life".
- Since 1983 Evolving specialization and ongoing deepening into: Graphical elements in architecture and nature.
- 1979-1987 Education in Chemical Engineering in Germany and the U.S.
- Since 1980 Ongoing self-education on various aspects of photography, in addition to selected classes and workshops taken.

Exhibitions

- 1981 Art Fair '81 Kirchheim, Kulturring Kirchheim/Teck, Germany.
- 1983 Kunst Regional (Regional Arts) '83, Kulturring Kirchheim/Teck, Germany.
- 1986 Major solo exhibition in the City Hall of Kirchheim, Germany: Black & white prints of People, Nature and Landscapes, Patterns and Shapes.
- 1989 1st International Photographic Triannual Exhibition, Esslingen, Germany:
- "Details of Esslingen", Dresdner Bank, Esslingen
- "Self-Portraiture", Volksbank Esslingen.
Kunst Regional (Regional Arts) 1989, "Peoples' Pictures" ('Menschenbilder'), City Gallery, Wendlingen, Germany.
- 1990 Kunst Regional (Regional Arts) '90, "The Humans' Mask" ('Des Menschen Maske'), Kreuzkirche Nürtingen, Germany.
- 1991 50th Anniversary exhibition of the "Lichtbildnergruppe Esslingen" ('Light Painters'), Old City Hall, Esslingen, Germany. Theme: "Architecture".
- 1993 3rd Annual UAB Special Studies Student Photography Exhibition, Brookwood Village, Birmingham, Alabama.
Birmingham Art Association, Members Open Exhibition, Birmingham, AL.
- 1994 Forum Kunst, Weilheim, Germany: Subject: "Wood piles" ("Holzstapel").
Birmingham Art Association, The Spring Members Show, Birmingham, AL.
Second Annual Summer Salon, Agnes Gallery, Birmingham, Alabama.
4th Annual UAB Special Studies Student Photography Exhibition, Brookwood Village, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1995 Birmingham Art Association, Spring and Fall Member Shows, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1996 Spring Photography Show of the Shadesvalley Camera Club, The Jewish Community Center, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1998 Dogwood Arts Festival '98, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.
New Artists Show, Bennett Galleries, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 1999 "Photography: Patterns and Abstractions", Bennett Galleries, Knoxville, TN.
Dogwood Arts Festival '99, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.

- 2002 Dogwood Arts Festival '02, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.
Artsclapes, Exhibition & Benefit Auction, The Guild of the Knoxville Museum of Art (KMA), Knoxville, TN.
- 2003 Dogwood Arts Festival '03, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.
Oak Ridge Art Center, Annual Open Show, Oak Ridge, TN.
55th Annual Photo Show, Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge Art Center, Oak Ridge, TN.
- 2004 Dogwood Arts Festival '04, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.
Oak Ridge Art Center, Annual Open Show, Oak Ridge, TN.
56th Annual Photo Show, Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge Art Center, Oak Ridge, TN.
- 2005 Oak Ridge Art Center, Group Show "A Man Answers", Oak Ridge, TN.
Dogwood Arts Festival '05, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.

Publications and Awards, Other Activities

- Since 1980 Publications in German newspapers. Awards at several photo competitions.
- 1983 Publications in a calendar following a contest held by a regional bank, Kirchheim, Germany.
- 1986 First prize in 3M Companies' annual photo contest, black & white category.
- 1987 Collaboration on a photo documentary on the village of Holzmaden, Germany.
- Since 1988 Publications in various int'l photographic journals and salon catalogs.
- 1992 Award and display in a special show at photokina, DeltArt Photo Contest, Ilford Photo, Germany.
Design and production of a commercial fashion brochure.
- 1993 Special Merit Award in the Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Award (KINSA) Photo Contest, followed by exhibits at National Geographic Society and Epcot Center.
- 1994 Achievement Award, Sheridan's "A Stunning Performance in Black & White" Photo Competition, Sheridan's/PHOTOgraphic Magazine/Ilford Photo.
- 1998, 1999, 2002 – 2004: Multiple Awards, Dogwood Arts Festival '98, '99, '02 - '04 Photography Competition, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 2002 Multiple Acceptances, 11th Austrian Super Circuit, Linz, Austria.
German Photo Award 2002, "Verkehrswege: Lebensadern unserer Zeit" ('Traffic ways: Arteries of Life of our Time'), Leica Special Award.
- 2003 Multiple Category 1st prices and Best of Show, Black & White Division, 55th Annual Photo Show Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
- 2004 Multiple Category 1st prices, Black & White Division, 56th Annual Photo Show Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Gallery Representations

Knoxville, TN (since 1998)

Bennett Galleries, Attn. Marga Hayes-Ingram, Art Director,
ph. (865) 584-6791, www.bennettgalleries.com