

Explore cityscapes for dramatic photography

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



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When anyone mentions "landscapes," photographers usually think of a rugged mountain scene, a descending sunset over the lake or an appealing countryside setting. But very interesting and dramatic landscapes can be found in your own city or within major cities of the world... truly "cityscapes."

Applying to city scenes the same techniques and creative ideas that you apply to rural landscapes can produce fascinating shots.

Frame a city scene with an ornate lamppost as you would use the trees in a regular landscape. Use the street as a "lead-in" as you would a river or pathway in a

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country photograph. Or use a telephoto lens to achieve a pattern of textured rooftops as you would move in on a cluster of fallen leaves.

Most landscapes require dramatic lighting for impact-filled results. This is also true for cityscapes. Striking sunsets, strong backlighting, misty mornings, wet streets... all these and more can transform a cityscape into something much more evocative than overhead, direct sunlight.

Try to analyze what is distinctive about the city you're going to photograph. Identify the special

characteristics of the city and choose the lighting and viewpoint to convey its special mood.

You may want to include a recognizable feature such as the St. Louis Arch, the Washington Monument or New York's World Trade Center. Or you may prefer to concentrate on more abstract shots such as silhouettes of buildings or reflections in glass structures.

When photographing buildings, look for small details such as railings, patterns of stonework and shadows. Perhaps you can juxtapose an old building against the new or produce an interesting series of windows or doors.

Explore behind the scenes... up narrow alleys or behind a row of houses. You may think at first that such things would be unphotogenic, but with careful framing they may convey the feel of a city better than the famous buildings. In the end, it's usually the heart of the city that enables you to



Cityscape: Late afternoon backlighting produced a striking silhouette of Detroit's skyline for Monte Nagler's camera. The unusual "pyramid" composition was achieved from a vantage point in Windsor.

capture the essence of the place.

But whatever your choice of subjects in the city, cityscapes can open new and exciting possibilities for you and your camera. Monte Nagler is a fine art pho-

tographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is 644-1314.

Roeper Artfest slated

The Roeper School's Booster Club will present the Roeper Invitational Artfest, an outdoor festival of fine arts, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 28-29, at Roeper's Bloomfield Hills campus, on Woodward just north of Long Lake Road.

This is a juried show and sale of original fine arts. Eighty-six artists from Michigan and 15 other states will display their work in a variety of media. Demonstrations by various artists will take place.

Admission is free. Parking will be available at the Merrill Lynch building next door to Roeper's campus, in the 2100 North Woodward parking structure. A free shuttle bus will go directly to the Artfest entrance.

Food and refreshments will be available. All proceeds will go to the Roeper Booster Club for use in support of Roeper programs. For more information, call the school at 642-1500.

Artists from Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Birmingham, Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills, Troy and Plymouth are among those participating in the event.

Many benefit from floor sample sale at Troy design center

More than 2,000 consumers filled the Michigan Design Center in Troy for its semi-annual Floor Sample Sale in July, at which the

showrooms of MDC were offering their finest floor sample items to the public at substantial savings. "This is definitely a situation

where everyone wins," said Susan Zinger, MDC's general manager. "The customer gets a fantastic bargain, while showrooms get to

clear much-needed room for their new-season merchandise. And HAVEN got to benefit, too. It was a great weekend."

HAVEN, Oakland County's Domestic Violence Shelter and Counseling Center, received a portion of the proceeds.

Meeting to focus on filmmakers co-op

A short informational meeting regarding the formation of the Detroit Filmmakers Co-op will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, at 1515 Broadway, one block east of Woodward and just north of John R in Grand Circus Park in Detroit.

Anyone interested in film or film making should attend. Camera, editing and lighting equipment worth more than \$10,000 has been pledged to the co-op, but will disappear

if there isn't sufficient interest from the community. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call Robert Anderson at 746-7213 days or 382-7214 evenings, or 1515 Broadway at 965-1515 anytime.

Antique show, sale Aug. 19-22

An antique and collectible show and sale will take place Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 19-22, at Universal Mall, 12 Mile and Dequindre in Warren.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 19-21 and noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 22.

Dealer specialties to be featured include pottery, coins, ironstone, porcelain figurines, buttons, jewelry, Depression era glass, art glass, postcards, furniture, cookbooks, linens, lace, magazines, baseball cards and toys.

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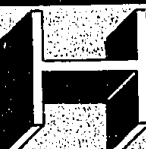
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