

Artist Biographical Sketch

Christopher Broek

Christopher Broek is a photographic artist living in Southern California. His beginnings in art were, however, on the East coast in the New England region when he was in the Third Grade. A decade later, you could find him in Illinois, hard at work in College at Northern Illinois University where Visual Communication/Design beginnings became a driving passion for photography. With only a few credits left to graduate, the Windy City and life in the photography industry beckoned him away. One year later and several thousand miles away, Christopher would find himself in sunny Southern California. Building upon the experience gained in Chicago, he continued photographic pursuits in Hollywood. After a few years of the L.A. bustle and desiring a change in venue, he stepped behind the "Orange Curtain" and began his new life with the woman who would become his wife. Starting a family, he shifted gears and started working in sales, eventually running a successful boutique Technical Staffing firm in South Orange County. Always realizing that a part of his DNA was being ignored, when the economy hit the skids in 2009, he returned to the creative arts and photography making art and doing commercial work for clients. When the pandemic hit, business once again slowed and wanting to keep moving forward he found that the stars had aligned and that he could finally complete his bachelor's degree at NIU.

Christopher finds inspiration for his artwork from observing the world around him and by discerning light and shadow, lines and forms, textures and colors and their alignment. He also has a passion for infrared landscape photography and looks forward to returning to Yosemite once again to photograph the essence of its grandeur.

Most recently, he has been exploring and expanding his skills in video and looks forward to graduating in May 2021 putting behind him the unfinished business of college, and with any luck, the pandemic as well.