



2009-2010

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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## INTRODUCTION

here have been many changes in the world of photography since I initially became interested in this magical medium. It was forty years ago that I first saw a print slowly emerge in a tray of developer in a friend's makeshift darkroom. A week later I purchased my own enlarger, and I continue to experience the alchemy and excitement of the process in my larger and more elaborate darkroom today. Whether photographers are working with traditional silver halide film and paper emulsions or using the latest technology, exposing pixels and working with a digital approach, the creative possibilities are only limited by the photographer's skills, dedication, and willingness to work. In all of my teaching I try to blend the technical language of photography with the expressive message of each photographer's voice. I look forward to sharing my love of the medium and the experience I've gained with the photographers who will be attending the workshops offered in this catalog.

The workshops included in this year's program will provide opportunities to learn from successful *working* photographers. The instructors and assistants will willingly share their experiences with you — both successes and mistakes — they have NO SECRETS. The workshops are an intense experience, in which one will be immersed in photography from early in the morning until late at night. You will be tired at the end of the workshop, but will be filled with information and inspiration.

All of us involved in this workshop program share the desire for creating an atmosphere of excitement, while providing you with the knowledge and motivation you need to transform your ideas into successful photographs. All of the workshops offer a combination of instruction in the aesthetic and technical considerations involved in making expressive photographs. The exploration of ideas and concepts, rather than dogma, will be emphasized in communicating information, thoughts, and perceptions in a comfortable, non-competitive environment. The workshops are intended for the individual who is seriously interested in an exploration of photography, and who is committed to actively participating and working at improving their craft, personal vision, and direction.

These workshops offer opportunities to receive instruction and inspiration from photographers of distinctive abilities, and are structured to allow for an intimate atmosphere, conducive to learning, sharing, and creativity. Directed outdoor photography sessions, portfolio reviews, informal discussions, along with instructor demonstrations and presentations, will be included in all workshops. I am looking forward to participating with some of you in our 2009–2010 workshop program!

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

A very special thanks to the Eastman Kodak Company for its continuing dedication to photographic education, and their more than two decades of generous sponsorship of my workshops. In particular, I would like to express appreciation to Scott DiSabato for his commitment to this workshop program.

I have relied on Gitzo tripods to steadily support my cameras since 1983. My thanks to Gitzo and the Bogen Imaging team for their support of this workshop program. Special thanks to Paul Wild, Kriss Brunngraber, David Fisher, and Donna Narkiewicz.

I am most pleased to once again have Light Impressions as a workshop sponsor. For over thirty years Light Impressions has been dedicated to supplying archival products of the highest quality to photographers. In particular, I would like to thank Larry Proctor for his assistance and support over the years.

I am thrilled to again have OmegaSatter as a workshop sponsor. My Omega/LPL variable contrast enlargers have been valuable print making tools for more than a decade, and I have relied on my Jobo rotary processor for film developing since 1988. I would like to thank the OmegaSatter team for their support of my program.

It is a pleasure to have The Tiffen Company as a sponsor. Thanks to Steve Tiffen and Hilary Araujo. I have been using Tiffen filters with great results for over thirty years.

The assistance and expertise offered by Stephen Myrick and his team at Myrick Photographic is extraordinary, often involving ingenuity, exploration, and adventure in filling the unusual needs of creative photographers.

For more than 30 years, I have worked closely with David Gray Gardner and Kevin Broady on the printing of my books, posters, and workshop brochures. It is a pleasure to work with them, and the dedicated team of skilled professionals at Dual Graphics, on the production of this brochure.

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#### COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

### Front Cover

LION'S HEAD Forbidden City Beijing, China

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#### Back Cover

SANDSTONE EDGES WATER HOLES CANYON ARIZONA

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#### WORKSHOP

BOULDERS, OLMSTED POINT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK CALIFORNIA @1978 John Sexton All rights reserved



# THE EXPRESSIVE BLACK AND WHITE PRINT JOHN SEXTON

APRIL 14-19, 2009 NOVEMBER 3-8, 2009 NOVEMBER 17-22, 2009 MARCH 9-14, 2010

This *extremely* popular workshop celebrates its twenty-sixth anniversary in 2009! Each of the four workshop sessions concentrates on darkroom demonstrations in the art of black and white printing by noted photographer John Sexton. Conducted in John's state-of-the-art studio and darkroom in the rolling hills of California, each intense workshop is limited to nine participants in order to maximize the benefit for all involved. Assisted by talented photographer, Anne Larsen, John demonstrates the decision-making process leading to the final print, including the Zone System of exposure and development, the production of high quality negatives, creative printing techniques, advanced print manipulation techniques, processing for permanence, and presentation of the finished print. Emphasizing the aesthetic considerations and consequences of each procedure, the well-organized, thorough demonstrations will include: determination of proper print exposure, variable contrast printing controls, advanced dodging and burning procedures, localized print flashing, local print reduction, localized selenium intensification of negatives, and much more.

Portfolio reviews will offer constructive evaluation of participants' prints and negatives, and discussions explore the possibilities involved in creating expressive prints. A directed field session on the spectacular Monterey Peninsula will allow participants to put new ideas into practice. In the popular and unique negative review session John will evaluate successful as well as problem negatives.

All applicants must have a working knowledge of black and white printing technique and should be *actively* involved in traditional darkroom print making. Each workshop begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening and ends about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, and includes daily refreshment breaks and three meals during the workshop, along with a 100+ page workshop syllabus. Five identical workshops are offered. If possible, please list alternate workshop dates when applying. *Early application is highly recommended as these workshops often fill quickly*.

Visit **www.johnsexton.com** for additional workshop information, staff biographies, and other event information.

FEE: \$900

#### WORKSHOP

#### ANCESTRAL SITE 10:45 AM, JUNE 2, 1994 COLORADO PLATEAU

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## SOUTHWEST LANDSCAPE – A SENSE OF PLACE RAY MCSAVANEY AND JOHN SEXTON

MAY 10-15, 2009

Centered in the heart of the Navajo Nation, this very popular workshop, co-sponsored by the Ray McSavaney Photographic Workshops, is offered for the twenty-second time. Although there are many workshops offered in the Southwest, few have been offered for as long as this popular event. A personal sense of place may evolve as we explore the relationships between the Navajo people and their land, the physical terrain and the constantly changing skies, the diverse cultures converging and co-existing amid the ever-present mysterious feelings of conflict and tranquility.

The workshop will begin Sunday morning at Canyon de Chelly, Arizona, where we will photograph the architectural remains of the ancient Anasazi cliff dwellings set in the magnificent sandstone alcoves. Midway through the workshop we will move north into Utah to visit the monolithic sandstone sculptures of Monument Valley and other nearby exciting, but less often visited, areas.

Specially arranged guided photographic tours, limited to our workshop group and designed for our specific needs, will allow us to visit areas not normally accessible. Stops made during these trips will allow ample time to explore the many photographic possibilities. In the land the Navajo people have loved for centuries, our personal and photographic sensibilities will be inspired and challenged to the fullest. The workshop will conclude late on Friday evening.

Lodging choices will be modern comfortable motels or campgrounds near each location. The workshop tuition includes all fees and gratuities for our special photographic tours, refreshment breaks, as well as two group meals in spectacular surroundings. Anne Larsen will be the assistant on this workshop. Since this workshop always fills quickly, early application is encouraged. *Due to previous instructor commitments, the Southwest Landscape workshop will not be offered in 2010. If you wish to attend this workshop before 2011, when it may be offered again, it is suggested that you apply promptly.* 

FEE: \$1,100

#### JOHN SEXTON EXHIBITION & LECTURES – SPRING 2009

#### AN EVENING WITH MASTER PHOTOGRAPHER JOHN SEXTON

#### APRIL 4 – COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE SPONSORED BY VIEWPOINT PHOTOGRAPHIC ART CENTER SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Lecture and book signing The Recital Hall at Cosumnes River College 8401 Center Parkway Sacramento, California 95823

7:00 P.M. – Admission: \$10 in advance / \$15 at the door Students: \$5 advance / \$7 at the door

Contact: Viewpoint Photographic Art Center 916/441-2341 info@viewpointgallery.org www.viewpointgallery.org

#### **EXHIBITION**

#### JOHN SEXTON: THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF PHOTOGRAPHS APRIL 6-29, 2009 RECEPTION: APRIL 6, 6:00 P.M. OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, CORVALLIS, OREGON FAIRBANKS GALLERY

LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING: APRIL 6, 7:00 P.M. LASELLS STEWART CENTER OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, CORVALLIS, OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ART VISITING ARTISTS & SCHOLARS LECTURE PROGRAM

John's new traveling exhibition *John Sexton: Thirty-Five Years of Photographs* will have its "premier" at the beautiful Fairbanks Gallery at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, April 6th through 29th.

There will be an opening reception, followed by a lecture and book signing by John on April 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus. The reception and lecture is free and open to the public. The lecture is limited to available seating, on a first come basis.

This exhibition spans John's long career in photography and includes early images, as well as recent photographs. Gallery hours to view the exhibition are: 8:00 am - 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Fairbanks Gallery and the Visiting Artists & Lecture Program are sponsored by the OSU Department of Art

Contact: Doug Russell drussell@oregonstate.edu 541/737-5009 www.oregonstate.edu/fairbanksgallery

#### JOHN SEXTON TRAVELING EXHIBITION BOOKING INFORMATION

For those of you involved with organizations that might be interested in hosting John's new traveling exhibition *John Sexton: Thirty-Five Years of Photographs*, please contact Laura Bayless at 831/659-3130, or e-mail laura@johnsexton.com to discuss details, budgets, and availability.

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE FACULTY

#### JOHN SEXTON DIRECTOR AND INSTRUCTOR

A former director of the Ansel Adams Workshops, and the Owens Valley Photography Workshops, John Sexton has conducted hundreds of photography workshops around the world. Respected as a photographer and printmaker, Sexton prefers to photograph the quiet message of his subjects, conveying his love of light. John's three previous books, *Listen to the Trees, Quiet Light*, and *Places of Power* showcase his finely crafted large format images, and have won numerous awards. John served as Technical and Photographic Assistant, and then consultant, to Ansel Adams from 1979 to 1984. He continues to serve as Photographic Special Projects Consultant to The Ansel Adams Publishing Rights Trust, and is a consultant to the photographic industry. In January 2005 John received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the North American Nature Photographers Association. In October 2006 John's most recent award-winning book, *Recollections: Three Decades of Photographs*, was published by Ventana Editions.

#### RAY McSAVANEY INSTRUCTOR

For more than thirty years Ray McSavaney has explored various aspects of photography and the environment. A co-founder of the Owens Valley Photography Workshops, he initiated his own series of workshops in 1991, and has instructed, directed or been on the staff of more than 150 workshops. A book of his urban and natural landscape imagery, titled *Explorations*, was selected by the American Institute of Graphic Arts as "One of the Fifty Best Books of the Year." He is currently working on a project investigating ancestral sites of Native Americans. His work has been published in *West of Eden: A History of the Art and Literature of Yosemite, View Camera, Outdoor Photographer*, and numerous other publications, and can be found in many public and private collections.

#### ANNE LARSEN WORKSHOP ASSISTANT

Anne Larsen received her formal photographic training in Denmark, where she worked as a successful photographer for one of the largest commercial studios in Copenhagen. In 1994 she moved to the United States, and has worked as John Sexton's Photographic Assistant since that time. She is actively involved in all of the workshops offered on this program. Her intimate still lifes and delicate photographs of the natural environment, all made with a 4x5" view camera, share a common luminosity and elegance. In addition to John's workshops, Anne has assisted on workshops instructed by James Baker, Morley Baer, Ruth Bernhard, Philip Hyde, and Ray McSavaney. Her prints are in numerous private and public collections in North America and Europe. Anne assists her husband, John Sexton, in all aspects of his photography.

#### ORDERING JOHN SEXTON PUBLICATIONS BOOKS, POSTERS, PHOTOGRAPHIC PRINTS

For information on John Sexton's books, original photographic prints, Deluxe Limited Edition book and print sets, and posters, contact Laura Bayless at 831/659-3130, or e-mail laura@johnsexton.com To purchase online visit www.johnsexton.com Your vision and our products. Always innovative. Always illuminating. Yet never complete without each other. KODAK PROFESSIONAL Imaging Solutions. Proud sponsor of these workshops.







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#### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply for the workshop(s) of your choice, please complete and sign the application form provided in this brochure. Return it with a deposit of \$150 for each workshop. The deposit includes a *non-refundable* \$100 acceptance fee. If you are not enrolled in a workshop all fees paid will be refunded.

Send your signed application form and deposit to: John Sexton Photography Workshops Post Office Box 30 Carmel Valley, California 93924 USA

There is no deadline for application. However, many of the workshops fill *immediately* so, to avoid disappointment, prompt application is advisable.

Your participation for the entire workshop session is extremely important. If your schedule requires you to arrive after the start, or to leave prior to the end of the workshop, please make other arrangements or plan to participate at another time.

#### ACCEPTANCE

We receive many applications concurrently, and they are evaluated for enrollment based on the information submitted. Attention is given to the information furnished in the "Background Information" portion of the application. Please give thought to the information you provide in this section. Upon enrollment in a workshop, you will receive a letter providing detailed information and suggestions for preparing for the workshop.

Those applicants who were on the waiting list last year will be given priority for that workshop this year, but we cannot guarantee enrollment. Please return your application promptly.

If you receive one brochure and two or more wish to apply, please copy the application form and send one completed, signed application form for each participant. Consideration is given to the *individual* participant's application.

International participants: Although we do reserve some spaces to accommodate the usual delays in overseas mail service, we strongly encourage you to return your application immediately, as these spaces cannot be indefinitely held if the workshop is filling.

If the workshop is already full when your application is received, we will offer the opportunity to enroll in any other workshop still open, or to be placed on the waiting list and your entire deposit will be returned to you. It is advisable to list alternate workshop dates on your application form if possible.

#### DEPOSIT & PAYMENTS

Please make all payments in U.S. dollars, and make checks or money orders payable to "John Sexton Photography Workshops." We do not accept credit cards for workshop deposits.

A deposit of \$150 for each workshop applied for must accompany your application. This includes a *non-refundable* \$100 acceptance fee. Applications without a deposit cannot be processed.

The balance of the fee for each workshop is due no later than 30 days prior to the first day of the workshop. If you fail to pay your balance 30 days prior to the first day of the workshop, your space in the workshop and your entire deposit will be forfeited, and your place will be filled from the waiting list.

#### FEES

Workshop fees cover tuition only. Additional amenities may be included, as listed in the individual workshop descriptions. Meals (unless otherwise indicated), lodging, and air fare are not included.

#### WITHDRAWAL, WORKSHOP CANCELLATION & REFUND

If you need to withdraw from a workshop, you must inform us no later than 30 days prior to the first day of your workshop, and we will refund your deposit or full tuition, whichever is applicable, less the acceptance fee of \$100.

If you withdraw within the period 30 to 14 days prior to the first day of your workshop, the entire deposit of \$150 will be retained.

No refunds of any kind will be made for withdrawal within 14 days in advance of the first day of the workshop, during the workshop, or for no-shows.

If it is necessary for us to cancel a workshop, all registered participants will be informed immediately, and you will receive a full refund of all deposits and fees.

Notification of cancellation due to insufficient enrollment will be made at least fourteen days prior to the beginning of a workshop. For this reason we encourage you to purchase refundable airline tickets, and consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance. The Workshops will not be responsible for any loss on airline tickets, or any other losses, related to cancellation.

### ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms, of varying room types and price ranges, has been reserved at comfortable lodges or motels for each workshop. Campgrounds are available near each location. We encourage you to stay with the group to participate in the informal exchanges occurring in this environment. Additional lodging information will be sent upon enrollment.

#### POLICIES

Please, no smoking or pets allowed on the premises. The use of mobile phones is limited to refreshment breaks and mealtimes. No pets are allowed at the lodging.

#### WAIVER OF LIABILITY

The Workshops shall have no responsibility or liability for personal injury to any participant or damage to any participant's property, or for personal injuries or damage to the property of any other person resulting from the participant's involvement in any workshop. The Workshops shall have no responsibility for the acts, errors or omissions of instructors or staff, transportation companies, lodging facilities, restaurants, tour guides and outfitters, or other providers of services to participants in the course of the workshops.

The Workshops has the right to cancel any workshop and to alter the time, context, or format of any workshop in the event circumstances so require. In the event a workshop is cancelled, for any reason, the extent of the Workshops' liability is limited to the return of all fees paid to us.

The Workshops will not be responsible for reimbursement on airline tickets due to cancellation of a workshop, or replacement of an instructor. *We recommend you purchase refundable tickets and consider purchasing trip cancellation insurance.* 

The Workshops reserves the right to substitute instructors if necessary and will attempt to inform all participants immediately if a last minute substitution is necessary.

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#### 2009–2010 JOHN SEXTON PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS APPLICATION

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Name: Mr. Ms.			
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Telephone: Work	Home		Fax

[ ] Enclose a \$150 deposit, or full tuition, for each workshop desired (includes non-refundable \$100 acceptance fee).

[ ] Make checks or money orders (in United States funds only) payable to: John Sexton Photography Workshops.

WORKSHOP DESIRED	DATE	FEE
[ ] The Expressive Black and White Print #1	April 14–19, 2009	\$900
[ ] Southwest Landscape - A Sense of Place	May 10–15, 2009	\$1,100
[ ] The Expressive Black and White Print #2	Nov 3–8, 2009	\$900
[ ] The Expressive Black and White Print #3	Nov 17–22, 2009	\$900
[ ] The Expressive Black and White Print #4	March 9–14, 2010	\$900

[ ] Alternate workshop choice: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] I can't attend a workshop this year. Please add me to your mailing list. Check your desires below:

[ ] Postal Mailing List [ ] E-mail Newsletter List

[ ] Please send more information on John's books, original photographic prints, special Limited Edition prints, and posters.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION (Feel free to attach a separate page with more complete information if you desire.)

Occupation:
Years involved in photography:
Equipment most often used: [ ] 35mm [ ] 2 ¼ [ ] View Camera [ ] Digital Other:
Film types used: [] Black and white [] Color negative [] Color transparency Other:
Photographic Interests: [] Landscape [] Portrait [] Architecture [] Industrial [] Commercial   [] Documentary Other:
Previous Classes, Workshops, Professional Experience, etc.
List areas of special interest you would like to see covered:
What do you hope to gain from this workshop?
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read and understand the Workshop Application Procedures and Waiver of Liability and agree to be bound by them. Signed: Dated:

MAIL TO: JOHN SEXTON PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS Post Office Box 30 Carmel Valley, California 93924 USA



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