

daniel sroka photographs botanical abstracts

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abstract photographs of nature

I create photographs of fallen leaves, bark, flowers and seeds that offer a compelling and unique perspective on the natural world.

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

My art is about re-igniting our awareness of the natural world that we live in every day. The closest relationship most of us have with nature is through our yards and parks, but what appears to be a domesticated landscape is actually an uneasy truce with a thriving and chaotic ecosystem. My abstract photographs of leaves, sticks, bark and seeds capture the wildness that lies hidden within this extremely familiar yet still mysterious world. I'm drawn to the obscure beauty I find within these fragments of nature that are overlooked and trod underfoot. In the rhythms and patterns of their decay, I discover scenes that are strange, unexpected, and yet compellingly alive.

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ABOUT THE ARTIST

Photography has always shaped how I see the world. My childhood desk was my father's old enlarger, and I spent many days in our basement darkroom, listening to the creaking of the floorboards as we coaxed images out of the dark. Then when I was 12 years old, I earned my first computer by scraping a hundred years of paint off my uncle's house. It was like a new part of my brain had woken up. That computer was my first experience with unrestricted creativity: an artistic tool that you can mold to the needs of your imagination. When I combined photography with computers, I felt like I finally found my creative home. Like a perfectly weighted hammer and chisel, the camera and the computer simply feel right in my hands, allowing me to see farther and deeper than I ever could alone.

For most of my life, my photography had to take a back seat to paying the bills. Luckily, I discovered a talent for graphic design, which helped me pay my way through school and lead to a professional career. The highlight of my career was becoming the original creative director for Yahoo!, where I helped guide them from a quirky curiosity into a globally-recognized brand. This background in creative direction and visual design has strongly influenced how I create my photography and how I run my business. I create art that is bold and distinctive, yet never upstages its environment. And I understand how my artwork can both satisfy a client's design needs as well as help them better communicate their identity, their mission and their passion.

GALLERIES AND REPRESENTATION

- Eaton Fine Art
- Karin Newby Gallery
- Arterra

CLIENTS AND COLLECTORS

- Baccarat Hotels and Residences, Anguilla
- Miraval Resort, Tuscon
- I have prints in over 800 private collections.

SELECTED SHOWS AND COMPETITIONS

- 2008 - Group show, Elemental/Environmental: Space, New Orleans Photo Alliance. (Gary Braasch, juror)
- 2008 - Prix de la Photographie Paris (Px3), third place in Nature category
- 2007 - Featured artist, Area of Design
- 2007 - Featured photographer, Positive Focus (NYC)
- 2007 - Group show, Arcadia: Artists Celebrate Trees, California Modern Gallery (San Francisco, CA)
- 2004 - Solo show, The Main Gallery (Redwood City, CA)
- 2004 - Group show, Visions of Memory, The Main Gallery (Redwood City, CA)
- 2003 - Group show, Garden of Earthly Delights, The Main Gallery (Redwood City, CA)

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PRICE LIST FOR FINE ART PRINTS

Fine art prints of my photographs are available directly from my studio. Prints are created with pigment ink on archival paper or canvas. These materials provide a beautiful organic substrate for the rich colors and subtle textures of my art.

PRINT SIZE	PAPER	CANVAS	GALLERY WRAP
15 x 10 inches	\$300	\$360	\$468
20 x 14 inches	\$400	\$480	\$624
25 x 17 inches	\$550	\$660	\$858
30 x 20 inches	\$650	\$780	\$1,014
35 x 24 inches	\$750	\$900	\$1,170
40 x 27 inches	\$850	\$1,020	\$1,326
45 x 30 inches	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,560
50 x 34 inches	\$1,150	\$1,380	\$1,794
60 x 40 inches	\$1,400	\$1,680	\$2,184

NOTES ABOUT PRINTS

Paper = pigment prints on cotton rag paper, shipped unmated and unframed.

Canvas = pigment print on canvas, shipped rolled.

Gallery wrap = pigment print on canvas, stretched into a gallery wrap.

Prices are determined by the longer side of the print: the shorter dimension will vary for each photograph. Other sizes are also available. Paper prints are dated and signed on the front in pencil, canvas prints are signed on back.

FOR ART PROFESSIONALS

My photographs have been used create a natural yet modern aesthetic in hotels, spas, as well as many private homes. I encourage art professionals to contact me about how my art can help them meet the needs of their clients.