



# Art Gallery

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## JOHN DENG

### **“Beyond the Image of Black & White”**

**JANUARY 23 – FEBRUARY 26, 2006**

**ARTIST RECEPTION: SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2:00–4:00 PM**

#### ***Artist's Statement***

I was born in Shanghai, China in 1962. I graduated from college with a degree in Fine Arts and taught art at the college level for several years.

My interest in photography started when I was a teenager, and made my own pinhole camera out of a cookie tin. The first real camera I bought was a Seagull 120 Twin Lens Reflex System and cost RMB 100 (approx. \$2 US). After 30 years, I've owned all kinds of high-end equipment, like Sinar 4X5 Large Format Camera, Hasselblad and Contax Medium Format Camera. But, the old Seagull is still in my camera bag.

In 1998, I started my own commercial photography studio in New York City. I focused on fashion photography, and did portrait and wedding photography as well. However, I couldn't get used to working with my tuxedo on. Travel, landscape and fine art photography really inspire my passion and creativity. In recent years, I've spent most of my time on fine art photography. I've exhibited my works widely across the U.S. in many juried art shows.

Black and white photography is my favorite form of expression. I hope my work transcends the ordinary landscape to express the drama and story of the place. Much of my work is shot in China because my emotion and enthusiasm flow from these places. Art originates from the heart, while its structure and expression are full of technique. The majority of my work is done with a traditional camera and printed both traditionally and digitally.

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