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Oliver Brooks

“Behind The Faces”

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Statements by Oliver Brooks...

“I am interested in the perceptive capacity of human beings and the fleeting moments of experience. I am curious about the moments when things become meaningful and how people’s concepts of meaning operate in the transience of day to day life. These moments that occur to us become memories, that eventually become the story of our lifetime, or as it is remembered”.

“Growing up, my parents added to our family with a series of foster children ... No one knew if these additional kids were going to be around for a couple of weeks or months. Throughout my childhood years and on through my teen years, I have lived with over one hundred foster kids ... I am interested in how this affects these children and what kind of future is laid for them going from home to home ... then what it is to be an adult, attempting to create and manage a home or household with this experience being one's foundation or 'vocabulary’”.

Brooks discovered photography in the latter part of his interdisciplinary MFA program at New Paltz. Originally his emphasis had been digital animation, graphic arts and digital technology. (He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Arts with an emphasis on digital animation) However, recent ideas and projects that he had been interested in, while very well-articulated, were not coming across visually. That was when he discovered photography.

“I always knew what I liked about photographs,” said Brooks. “I said, [to my professor] 'You know what? I'll show you what I am seeing and talking about', I grabbed a camera, literally, and started shooting and I graduated.

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