

BIO

Allie Klawitter was born in urban Tulsa, Oklahoma and currently lives and works in Chicago, Illinois. She is currently pursuing her BFA (pending 2019) in Media Art and Photography. She is driven and inspired by diversity and the unusual details that go unseen, her photography captures the secret of the natural world. Allie's photos have been exhibited in Chicago at South by Midwest, Fixate, Magnify, Savor, and the DePaul Artist Collective (DAC) Annual Exhibition. Her photography is published in Crook and Folly 38 Edition (DePaul University, 2018) and Pitching Against Myself (Tincher Enterprises, 2017).

ARTIST STATEMENT

My photography is influenced by my background as an environmentalist. My work uncovers the subtle and unseen details of our natural world that are often overlooked in a fast-paced society preoccupied with technology.

Growing up in a predominantly rural state, Oklahoma, I became extremely cognizant that the big environmental issues out there are being largely ignored by the general public, placing us all at great risk for our current way of life to continue in any sustainable fashion. Once I began living in the much larger metropolitan area that is Chicago, Illinois, some of these issues appeared to have more visibility, yet still a lack of effort to change is prevalent.

In my Instrumentalist art practice, my work uncovers minute details and the wonder of the natural world, in an attempt to persuade people towards simple lifestyle changes that can have an accumulative effect. Even within my portraiture, I focus on the natural beauty within the subject, letting their inner beauty and or natural chaos shine through, thereby allowing us to be more open and accepting of one another. I believe effectively promoting diversity and sustainability can be most satisfying. This includes my commercial work as well. I tend to look specifically for commercial opportunities that pair well with my open-mindedness and active lifestyle and evidence environmentally friendly practices. If I choose companies who share my values, I can find inspiration to use my imagination to help them succeed, whether it is in social network posting or in print and media advertising.