

# Jürgen DOPATKA

## Black & White Fine Art Photography

### Biography

- 1959 Born in Holzmaden, Germany
- 1974 Introduction to Photography
- From 1979 Serious approach to photography and black-and-white printing. Self-taught.  
Major Subjects: Nature and People.
- Since 1980 Intensified pursuit of the theme "Vanishing Ways of Work and Life".
- Since 1983 Evolving specialization and ongoing deepening into: Graphical elements in architecture and nature.
- 1979-1987 Education in Chemical Engineering in Germany and the U.S.
- Since 1980 Ongoing self-education on various aspects of photography, in addition to selected classes and workshops taken.

### Exhibitions

- 1981 Art Fair '81 Kirchheim, Kulturring Kirchheim/Teck, Germany.
- 1983 Kunst Regional (Regional Arts) '83, Kulturring Kirchheim/Teck, Germany.
- 1986 Major solo exhibition in the City Hall of Kirchheim, Germany: Black & white prints of People, Nature and Landscapes, Patterns and Shapes.
- 1989 1<sup>st</sup> International Photographic Triannual Exhibition, Esslingen, Germany:  
- "Details of Esslingen", Dresdner Bank, Esslingen  
- "Self-Portraiture", Volksbank Esslingen.  
Kunst Regional (Regional Arts) 1989, "Peoples' Pictures" ('Menschenbilder'), City Gallery, Wendlingen, Germany.
- 1990 Kunst Regional (Regional Arts) '90, "The Humans' Mask" ('Des Menschen Maske'), Kreuzkirche Nürtingen, Germany.
- 1991 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exhibition of the "Lichtbildnergruppe Esslingen" ('Light Painters'), Old City Hall, Esslingen, Germany. Theme: "Architecture".
- 1993 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual UAB Special Studies Student Photography Exhibition, Brookwood Village, Birmingham, Alabama.  
Birmingham Art Association, Members Open Exhibition, Birmingham, AL.
- 1994 Forum Kunst, Weilheim, Germany: Subject: "Wood piles" ("Holzstapel").  
Birmingham Art Association, The Spring Members Show, Birmingham, AL.  
Second Annual Summer Salon, Agnes Gallery, Birmingham, Alabama.  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual UAB Special Studies Student Photography Exhibition, Brookwood Village, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1995 Birmingham Art Association, Spring and Fall Member Shows, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1996 Spring Photography Show of the Shadesvalley Camera Club, The Jewish Community Center, Birmingham, Alabama.
- 1998 Dogwood Arts Festival '98, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.  
New Artists Show, Bennett Galleries, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 1999 "Photography: Patterns and Abstractions", Bennett Galleries, Knoxville, TN.  
Dogwood Arts Festival '99, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.

- 2002 Dogwood Arts Festival '02, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.  
Artsclapes, Exhibition & Benefit Auction, The Guild of the Knoxville Museum of Art (KMA), Knoxville, TN.
- 2003 Dogwood Arts Festival '03, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.  
Oak Ridge Art Center, Annual Open Show, Oak Ridge, TN.  
55<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Show, Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge Art Center, Oak Ridge, TN.
- 2004 Dogwood Arts Festival '04, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.  
Oak Ridge Art Center, Annual Open Show, Oak Ridge, TN.  
56<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Show, Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge Art Center, Oak Ridge, TN.
- 2005 Oak Ridge Art Center, Group Show "A Man Answers", Oak Ridge, TN.  
Dogwood Arts Festival '05, Photography Show, TVA Towers, Knoxville, TN.

### **Publications and Awards, Other Activities**

- Since 1980 Publications in German newspapers. Awards at several photo competitions.
- 1983 Publications in a calendar following a contest held by a regional bank, Kirchheim, Germany.
- 1986 First prize in 3M Companies' annual photo contest, black & white category.
- 1987 Collaboration on a photo documentary on the village of Holzmaden, Germany.
- Since 1988 Publications in various int'l photographic journals and salon catalogs.
- 1992 Award and display in a special show at photokina, DeltArt Photo Contest, Ilford Photo, Germany.  
Design and production of a commercial fashion brochure.
- 1993 Special Merit Award in the Kodak International Newspaper Snapshot Award (KINSA) Photo Contest, followed by exhibits at National Geographic Society and Epcot Center.
- 1994 Achievement Award, Sheridan's "A Stunning Performance in Black & White" Photo Competition, Sheridan's/PHOTOgraphic Magazine/Ilford Photo.
- 1998, 1999, 2002 – 2004: Multiple Awards, Dogwood Arts Festival '98, '99, '02 - '04 Photography Competition, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- 2002 Multiple Acceptances, 11<sup>th</sup> Austrian Super Circuit, Linz, Austria.  
German Photo Award 2002, "Verkehrswege: Lebensadern unserer Zeit" ('Traffic ways: Arteries of Life of our Time'), Leica Special Award.
- 2003 Multiple Category 1<sup>st</sup> prices and Best of Show, Black & White Division, 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Show Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.
- 2004 Multiple Category 1<sup>st</sup> prices, Black & White Division, 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Photo Show Camera Club of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

### **Gallery Representations**

Knoxville, TN (since 1998)

Bennett Galleries, Attn. Marga Hayes-Ingram, Art Director,  
ph. (865) 584-6791, [www.bennettgalleries.com](http://www.bennettgalleries.com)