

# Art Making & Exhibiting (Photography)

## HOLIDAY HOMEWORK Unit 3, 2023



Daido Moriyama, Untitled, 2006, 2006 Epoque, 2021, 100 x 150 cm. (39.4 x 59.1 in.)

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Work required in preparation for start of 2023:	<ul> <li>You will need to complete:</li> <li>1. Research on your chosen art form - including materials, techniques and processes</li> <li>2. Selection and exploration of 3 artists that work in your chosen artform - related to a universal idea</li> <li>3. Sourcing of at least 2 artworks from each artist that: <ul> <li>a. Are widely recognised / well known</li> <li>b. Have a clear connection through a universal idea</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Textbooks and other resources:	<ul> <li>Textbook - Cambridge Art Making and Exhibiting VCE Units 1–4 (print and digital)</li> <li>Handout - Photographic materials, techniques &amp; processes</li> <li>Handout - List of photographers for influences</li> </ul>
Key links:	https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/vce/vce-study-designs/studioarts/Pa ges/Index.aspx
Due date:	Week 1 - Orientation - First class Unit 3 2023

## U3 OUTCOME 1

On completion of this unit the student should be able to collect information from artists and artworks in specific art forms to develop subject matter and ideas in their own art making.

## **HOLIDAY HOMEWORK**

### **1. RESEARCH ON YOUR CHOSEN ART FORM**

- Identify the artform you will be working in for Units 3 & 4
- Complete a brainstorm that includes
  - What you know already about the artform (existing knowledge)
  - Characteristics of the artform, properties of the materials, relevant (dominant) art elements and principles
  - Unfamiliar materials, techniques and processes you would like to research / trial / experiment with
  - Historical and contemporary properties of the artform (*ie. analogue darkroom processes vs digital photography*)
  - Tools and equipment required
- Research the relevant materials, techniques and processes of your artform. Bookmark these pages and take notes.
- Research key terms and technical vocabulary associated with the artform
- **Consider the effects** these materials, techniques and processes could have on visual language and style.

**Document this** through brainstorming digitally, or on A3 cartridge paper to stick in your Visual Arts journal once you commence Unit 3, and bookmarking / saving digital sources and research to use at a later date (or save in a word doc).

### 2. SELECTION AND EXPLORATION OF 3 ARTISTS -RELATED BY A UNIVERSAL IDEA

You will need to select **3 artists** to explore and research, and use as a starting point and as *influences* for your SAT folio and art making. You will also plan an exhibition using these same 3 artists and their artworks in Outcome 3.

#### Choose artists that:

- All work in the same artform. *ie. painting*
- Are well known and well documented (ie. no Instagram)
- Are strong examples of your chosen artform
- Have used materials and techniques that *you* are interested in trialling and experimenting with
- Have a clear connection to one another (a universal idea)

The artists you choose should be recognised, have exhibited and/or their work is held in a gallery collection. This is so you will be able to find out enough information on their practice.

#### In OC1, you will be required to undertake research on the artists':

- Process
- Use of materials and techniques
- Use of art elements and principles to create aesthetic qualities
- Use of visual language and subject matter to represent ideas and communicate meaning
- Personal experiences and influences

You MUST get your teacher to check and approve your choice of artists BEFORE progressing any further (Either during Headstart or send them an email)

#### **Collate your research**

Start a folder on your computer and begin by bookmarking any relevant pages on your artists / artworks. This research will form the basis of *OC1 Inspirations, influences and images*, documented in your Visual Arts journal.

### What is a 'universal idea'?

A universal theme is an idea that applies to anyone regardless of cultural differences, or geographic location. Universal themes are ways to connect ideas across all disciplines. It is a central idea about the human condition.

A universal idea is an idea that is understood by everyone https://newscenter.sdsu.edu/education/projectcore/files/03252-6\_Universal\_Themes.pdf

Try and choose a 'universal idea' that you have a personal connection to, or interest in It could be:

• a broader theme ie. *identity, coming of age, abundance, conflict, change* or *order* 

### 3. SOURCING OF AT LEAST 2 ARTWORKS FROM EACH ARTIST

Choose artworks that:

- Are well known / significant / widely recognised (as you will need to source a hi-resolution image of the work, didactics, and undertake research on the artwork for OC3 planning a thematic exhibition)
- Are strong examples of the artists style, ideas, visual language and interpretation of subject matter
- Are made using **materials and techniques** that you want to trial and experiment with yourself
- Have the potential to be used as sources of inspiration in your own development of **subject matter and visual language**
- Are **connected in some way** through a universal idea

These artworks will be used at the beginning of your Unit 3 SAT as *influences* in your own art making.

They will also form the basis for the exhibition that you plan in OC3 (where you have to discuss thematic connections).

#### Once you have decided on your artworks:

- 1. Source a high resolution image of the artwork
- 2. **Find the didactic information** artist name, title of artwork, year, medium and dimensions
- 3. Copy and paste the source (the URL / webpage) that you downloaded the image
- 4. Save / bookmark any information you find out about the artwork, how it was made, or the artists intention this will come in handy later

**Save** these images and information into a folder on your desktop, or upload to your Drive. You will need this for the first class in 2023.

# PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS, TECHNIQUES & PROCESSES

### **MATERIALS (& EQUIPMENT)**

What physical materials will you need to create the artwork?

- Camera what type? Eg. DSLR, analogue 35mm SLR, medium format 120, automatic point and shoot, Polaroid – Include brand & *model ie. Olympus OM1 35mm SLR*
- Negative film (colour or b&w) brand, speed & size (*i.e. Ilford Delta 400 ISO 35mm*)
- Positive transparency or slide film
- Photographic paper (grade/brand/size/pearl, gloss or satin?)
- Chemicals developer, stop both, fixer, wash. Trays. tongs
- Enlarger
- Filters what grade?
- Tripod
- Lens (50mm standard, prime, fish eye, wide angle, zoom, macro) - include the focal length
- Flash
- Coloured gels, diffuser
- Lights, stands, reflectors, umbrellas
- Wireless shutter release
- Sets
- Costumes & makeup
- Props
- Backdrops
- Computer, software
- Printer
- Ink, paper
- Paper types Photo rag, gloss, pearl, coated, textured.

### TECHNIQUES

Techniques are the ways in which the materials have been used to make an artwork, to achieve different effects.

#### **CAMERA TECHNIQUES**

- Shutter speed
- Aperture
- ISO (film speed)
- Focus (*auto or manual*)
- The depth of field
- Using different lenses

#### LIGHTING TECHNIQUES

- Hard or soft
- Natural light (full sun, overcast, sunrise, set)
- Golden hour (after dawn and before dusk)
- Window light
- Diffused lighting (can be natural or artificial)
- Available light
- Flash (artificial)
- Studio lighting (*3-point lighting, 2-point, 1-point*)
- High Key (used in advertising, bright white tones)
- Low Key (*chiaroscuro, black tones, shadows and* 1 light source)
- Frontal lighting
- Backlighting / halo lighting
- Shooting into the light / silhouette
- Side lighting
- Up lighting / horror

#### DARKROOM TECHNIQUES

- Filters (to increase contrast)
- Dodging and burning in (to refine exposure in specific areas)
- Spotting
- Negative image (tone reversal)
- Solarisation
- Photograms
- Multiple exposure
- Sepia toning
- Hand colouring
- Superimposing images
- Sandwiching negatives
- · Painting with developer
- Destruction of negatives
- Drawing over exposures

#### **CREATIVE TECHNIQUES**

- Long exposures
- Painting with light
- Cross processing
- Polaroid transfers / emulsion lifts
- Multiple exposures
- Panning
- Vignette
- Hand colouring

#### **DIGITAL TECHNIQUES**

- Use of digital imaging software i.e. *Photoshop or Lightroom*
- Digital montage and combining images, photo stitching
- Selection and manipulation
- Filters
- Cropping
- Dodging and burning
- Retouching (*removing dust and scratches, smoothing skin tones*)
- Adjusting exposure, levels, curves, colour balance, contrast, brightness, white balance

#### **COMPOSITION TECHNIQUES**

- Cropping
- Rule of thirds
- Golden section (or golden mean) 5:8
- Framing
- Angle and viewpoint
- Cropping
- Horizontal or vertical composition
- Open or closed composition
- One-point perspective
- Moving across the frame
- Small depth of field
- Panoramic

### PROCESSES

The sequential steps of the artistic process

#### **DIGITAL IMAGING**

Using digital technology to create artworks can be described as a process, and include the sequential steps of the use of a DSLR to compose and capture the image, uploading it, editing it in Photoshop, and printing the artwork.

Using specific camera functions such as focus and shutter speed, and tools and effects like dodging and burning and adjusting levels and contrast in Photoshop are digital *techniques*.

Also includes smartphone photography.

#### SILVER GELATIN PROCESS

Silver gelatin is a process – to produce a silver gelatin print you use the same sequential process i.e. exposing light sensitive paper to light, using chemicals to develop, stop and fix the print.

You can use different *techniques* when you are taking the photograph *(adjusting the shutter speed and aperture, lighting)*, and in the darkroom to achieve different effects such as *dodging and burning, cropping and use of filters.* 

Introduced at the end of the nineteenth century, gelatin silver prints dominated black-and-white photography in the twentieth century. The paper used to make gelatin silver prints is coated with an emulsion that contains gelatin and silver salts. Gelatin silver prints are developed out rather than printed out, which means that exposure to light registers a latent image on the paper that becomes visible only when developed in a chemical bath. **The** 

gelatin silver print still remains the standard for black and white photographic prints.

#### POLAROID (DYE DIFFUSION TRANSFER PRINT)

Self-developing color photographic process invented by Edwin Land in 1947, the Polaroid revolutionized both home photography during the early 1960s and fine art photography after being adopted by artists as a unique means of artistic expression.

#### CYANOTYPE

Contact printing process invented in 1840 by Sir John Herschel. The image is created by ferrous cyanide, which imparts a blue tone to the paper. By the 1870s the process was used to create the architectural "blueprint" and is still used for that purpose today.

#### **COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY**

#### **CHROMOGENIC PRINT**

Printed from a color negative, a color photograph that comprises three layers – each layer is sensitized to one of light's primary colors: blue, green and red.

## Also referred to as "C-print" and the most common type of color photograph.

**CIBACHROME PRINT** (silver dye bleach print) First introduced in 1963, this color print process typically uses a high-gloss paper and forms an image by selectively bleaching dyes that exist in the paper. Renowned as one of the most stable and long-lasting of all color prints. The process is used for making prints from color transparencies and is noted for its stability, image clarity, and color saturation.

## OTHER HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESES

- Daguerreotype
- Calotype
- Salt print (salted paper print)
- Wet plate collodion Process
- Ambrotype
- Tintype
- Albumen Silver Print
- Platinum Print
- Bromoil Transfer Print
- Woodburytype

https://www.eastman.org/processvideos

https://www.nypl.org/collections/nyplrecommendations/guides/photographic-processes

# PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR INSPIRATION

# OC1 & OC3

\*This is **not** a definitive list and the artists listed are in no particular order. It is a starting point for your research. It will be up to you to check that enough information exists on your 3 chosen artists to be able to satisfactory demonstrate the outcomes.

### PORTRAITURE

Annie Leibovitz - Celebrities, use of props & costume, elaborate sets Diane Arbus - 'Freaks', people on the fringes Cindy Sherman - constructed, appropriation of stereotypes / gender roles Robert Mapplethorpe - Controversial erotic nudes Andrea Modica - intimate, vintage processes & techniques August Sander - documentary, New Objectivity Yousuf Karsh - iconic portraits of celebrities, lighting, technically brilliant Terry Richardson - Celebrities, amateur 'punk' aesthetic Cecil Beaton - Social Photographer, costume and design Mick Rock - Rock n roll, 70's Julia Margaret-Cameron - evocative portraits, pictorialism, spiritual, Victorian Eve Arnold - iconic portraits , also documentary Imogen Cunningham - Nudes, landscapes, still life, Modernist Philip Lorca di Corcia - informal snapshots, iconic staged portraits, filmic lighting Anton Corbijn - bands, film clips Philippe Halsman - Surreal portraits, worked with Dali Sally Mann - Themes of life and death. Staged series of her children, landscapes, vintage processes Lisette Model - close-up, unsentimental and unretouched Harry Callaghan - use of formal elements, figure in landscape Francesca Woodman - Surreal, nude, self-portraits

**Gillian Wearing** – staged portraits, performance, conceptual, confession

Lakin Ogunbanwo – Nigerian, portraits, shadows, colour, masks, fashion

Hoda Afshar – documentary / blurred line between staged and reality

Harold Cazneaux – Pictorialist, Australian, Spirit of Endurance

**Peter Hujar** – New York 1970's & 80's, B&W portraits, AIDS epidemic,

Hannah Starkey – constructed feminist portraits, urban environments, contemporary, saturated colour

Ellen Von Unwerth - erotic femininity

**Sarah Moon** – personal, fashion, women, colour, interesting

Brenda Croft - Australian Social Commentary

### STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

Henri Cartier-Bresson - The decisive moment, modern photojournalism Elliot Erwitt – Dogs and dog owners too Martin Parr - suburban England, seaside, colour, consumption, social satire **Garry Winogrand** – Considered a father of this style, city streets Andre Kertesz - and portraiture, composition and angles Brassai - Night Photography and built environment, moodly, expressionist, Paris Joel Meyerowitz - NYC based, colour, portrait & landscape Robert Doisneau - streets of Paris Helen Levitt - Children, streetlife NY Lee Freidlander - street photography, conceptual, humour William Klein - unusual techniques, photojournalism, fashion, abstract Daido Moriyama – b&w, high contrast, grain, Toyko, paradox Trent Parke - Street Photographer, light, Magnum, harsh Australian landscape, outback Alex Webb – highly saturated colour work Rebecca Norris Webb - poetic, quiet Vivian Maier - self-portraits, candid, enigmatic, humour Bruce Gilden - portraits, flash, high impact, up close Jesse Marlow – visual poetry, Melbourne city streets

### DOCUMENTARY

Nan Goldin - shocking, personal intimate reportage, LGBT subcultures, HIV/AIDS crisis William Eggleston - American South, use of colour Weegee - photojournalism Mary Ellen Mark - reportage and street photography Larry Clark - influenced the grunge generation, American youth subcultures and teenage sexuality Sebastiao Selgado - social injustice Robert Capa - war photography Dorothea Lange - Depression era photos, social change Paul Fusco - Chernobyl, social injustice Margaret Bourke-White - war, conflict Prudence Murphy - social commentary, Boys with guns Steve McCurry - National Geographic Ingeborg Tyssen -Observational documentary Walker Evans - Depression era photos Robert Frank - American culture, the original road trip Alec Soth - cinematic, portraits, rural American. Contemporary Lewis Hine - sociologist Minor White - also nudes, landscape, street photography Marketa Luskacova - social commentary Sarah Jones - social documentary, art history Richard Billingham - UK - working class life, antiaesthetic, snapshots Ryan Mcginley - candid, youth culture & skateboarding, nudes, fashion, staged, sexual identity Dash Snow - sex, drugs, anti-art David Moore - photojournalist, Australian David Wadelton - disappearing suburban Melbourne Annie Wang - motherhood Peter Milne - 1970's punk Alexey Titarenko - slow shutter, dream-like Wesley Stacey - Portraits and Landscapes, Australian Max Dupain - Modernist, architectural, portraits Olive Cotton - Modernist, landscape, still life Narelle Autio - Objects, beach culture, street photography, documentary, Australian landscape Sue Ford - contemporary social issues, feminism, identity Ricky Maynard - portraits, Australian Carol Jerrems - social documentary, 1970's / 80's, Australian

**Rineke Dijkstra** – portraiture, youth, vulnerability **Ponch Hawkes** - intergenerational relationships, queer identity and LGBTQI+ rights

### **ART / CONCEPTUAL**

Bill Henson - adolescent nudes, transitions, nature and civilizations, traditions of painting and literature Gregory Crewdson - narratives, elaborately staged scenes and lighting Juergen Teller - Non Photography, anti-technique, fashion Ralph Gibson - strange William Eggleston - colour, beauty in the banal Duane Michels - Text and Collage David LaChappelle - Celebrities, fantastical kitsch 'pop' surrealism Mike and Doug Starn Andreas Gursky - Contemporary, large scale, consumerism, globalisation Wolfgang Tillmans - photographic medium, observation of surroundings, conceptual Tayrn Simon - Social commentary, systems of categorization and classification Tacita Dean - video landscapes, film & analogue Zoe Leonard - simplicity of objects Thomas Ruff - digital work Jeff Wall - Contemporary & staged scenes Justine Varga - analogue, cameraless, abstract, chemicals, conceptual, time, slow photography Hiroshi Sugimoto - time, life and death, long exposures Nobuyoshi Araki - eroticism and bondage Katrin Koenning - Nature, existence, light, place Reng Hang - nudes, body as sculpture Polly Borland - also fashion - portraits, abstract forms Simon Terrill – public architectural spaces Alex Prager - elaborate, staged, cinematic Holly Andres - Staged, stylized, cinematic portraiture Julie Blackmon - Staged, suburban life Larry Sultan - blurred line between documentary and staged, portraiture, banality of everyday life Tamara Dean - body in nature, human condition Sam Taylor-Johnson - sculpture, performance, identity, appearance of self Patrick Pound - archiving. Accumulating, categorising, classifying found photographs / ephemera

Atong Atem - postcolonial, portraiture, stylized imagery

Tony Albert - stereotypes of indigenous imagery, colonialism

Hendrik Kerstens - appropriation Dutch masters, constructed portraits

John Baldessari – found photography, conceptual, appropriated imagery

Honey Long and Prue Stent - performance, installation, experimentation, sculpture, materials, form, play and landscape

David Rosetzky -Identity, portraiture, contemporary Leah King-Smith - Indigenous, juxtaposition of past and present, photocollage

Jacqui Stockdale - collage, staged, portraits, cultural identiy, masquerade

Michael Cook - contemporary Indigenous, theess of colonisation, slavery, invasion,

Zoe Croggan - modernist collage, nudes, architecture, build environment

Peta Clancy - Indigenous, place, identity, skin

Bindi Cole Choka - Indigenous, identity,

contemporary

**Rosemary Laing** – cinematic, conceptual, landscape, performance & installation

Destiny Deacon - performative, Indigenous identity, provocative, humorous, political

Christian Thompson - Contemporary, self-portraits, Indigenous identity, colonisation

Anne Zahalka - Australian cultural identity and stereotypes, appropriation

Tracey Moffatt - narrative, myth, suburbia, Indigenous perspective

Polexini Papapetrou - identity, childhood, masking and performance

Robyn Stacey - Still life, natural history, Camera Obscura, interiors

Julie Rrap – performance, feminism, the body,

Anne Ferran - Cyanotypes, colonial histories, conceptual

Deborah Paauwe - Blurred lines between girlhood and womanhood

Petrina Hicks - Consumerism,, advertising, female identity, 'quietness', still life and portraiture

George Schartz - Dream landscapes, sex and death

Michael Riley - dreams, figures and objects in landscapes.

William Yang - portraits, sexual and cultural identity Jane Burton - landscapes, portraits, mortality / desire **Bronwyn Rennex** – everyday objects, cyanotypes

### SURREAL

Man Ray - surrealist, painter, photographer Trent Parke - off kilter, dreamscapes, high contrast, Australian Pat Brassington - Ordinariness, fetish objects, domestic scenes, surreal narratives, juxtapositions Jerry Uelsmann - Photomontage Parke Harrison - surreal photomontages Bill Brandt - surrealist, nudes Joel-Peter Witkin - macabre, dead bodies, approporation, art history Pierre et Gilles - hand-painted photographs Alexander Rodchenko – Photomontage, constructivism, formal Maggie Taylor - Surreal photomontages of children Loretta Lux - Surreal portraits of children, contemporary, strange Ralph Eugene Meatyard - surreal disturbing "masks" Lee Miller - surrealist principles, documentary Roger Ballen - strangeness, haunting, surreal portraits of people on the fringes Antoine D'Agata - French- sexuality, nudes, Mark Kimber - memory & mystery, illusion and fantasy, dreamlike Viviane Sassen - displacement, shadows, portraiture, fashion, geometric shapes, abstracted bodies Samantha Everton - childhood, memory Gerwyn Davies - constructed photography, costume making, drag, gender subversion FASHION

Richard Avedon - glamour, style Irving Penn – stark style, portraits, and still life Helmut Newton - erotic, stylised Guy Bourdin - colour, shock, provocation Nick Knight - Influential contemporary David Bailey - Swinging London Bruce Weber - American youth, masculinity Herb Ritts - nudes, celebraities, models Edward Steichen - painterly, pictorialist style Erwin Blumenfeld - props, mirrors, experimental Michael Thompson – Contemporary Athol Smith - studio Horst P. Horst - elegant, architectural

Craig McDean – striking, contemporary Rankin – highly stylised, high-gloss, highly sexed and hyper-perfect Corinne Day - anti-fashion style, grunge David Lachapelle – surreal, fashion, celebrity, art history, maximalism Tim Walker – high fashion, nostalgia, british, portraits

**Miles Aldgrid** – colour, hyperpreal, staged, cinematic glamour and erotic tropes

### LANDSCAPE

Ansel Adams - Large format modernist landscapes, technical brilliance in darkroom Paul Strand - Modernist, & portraits John Gollings - Contemporary, Architectural photography Alfred Steiglitz - and documentary Edward Weston - And nudes & still lifes Joel Sternfeld - Contemporary, large format, ordinary landscapes, colour Berenice Abbott - NY architecture Danielle Thompson - psychological, colour Jane Brown - Australian landscsape, interiors Stephanie Valentin- landscape, still life, scientific Robert Adams - awerican west, landscapes, b&w, Frank Gohlke - large scale, monumental Nici Cumpston - Australian Murray Fredericks - salt lakes, light, mirrors Stephanie Valetin - dreamscapes, landscapes, nature

### **BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Wolfgang Sievers – Modernist
Lawrence Aberhart - buildings from around the world
Rob Dobi – abandoned buildings, decay
Eugene Atget - architecture and street scenes of
Paris
George Tice - American landscape and suburbia
Lynn Davies - monumental landscapes and
cultural/architectural icons
Andreas Gursky - Contemporary, large scale,
consumerism, globalisation
Thomas Demand – contemporary, sculpture
Bernd and Hilla Becher – Dusseldorf school,
conceptual, industrial architecture
Thomas Struth – museums, street photography 70's

Candida Höfer - empty interiors and social spaces, psychology, conceptual Lewis Baltz – impact of man on landscape, stylistically

austere / minimal

**Stephen Shore** – Colour, banal landscapes and urban American scenes

David Moore - Sydney, modernism

**Tom Blachford** – Modernist buildings, Palm springs, moonlight

**Michael Wol** – architecture, patterns, large scale, megacities

### STILL LIFE

Tina Modetti Irving Penn –see also fashion Jan Groover Laura Letinsky Robyn Stacey – staged, natural history Karl Blossfeldt – plants, living things Hong Hao – documenting and collecting Stephanie Valentin- landscape, still life, scientific Robert Mapplethorpe – see also portraits, nudes Mat Collishaw – Burning flowers , butterflies Olivia Parker – elegant simplicity Laura Letinsky - control, accidents, and contrivance and ambiguity Krista van der Niet

Margriet Smulders - lush, colour, flowers, roccoco

#### **KEY WEBSITES**

http://www.masters-ofphotography.com/summaries.html http://www.americansuburbx.com/artists http://photography-now.net http://www.magnumphotos.com https://www.lensculture.com

http://www.photoquotes.com