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An artist's job is to surprise himself. Use all means possible. Robert Henri



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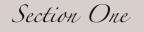
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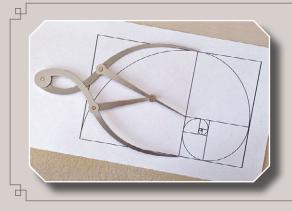
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I have not taught painting because it cannot be taught. I have taught seeing. Josef Albers

The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance. Aristotle

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## Artistic Collaging

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A photographer's work is given shape and style by his personal vision. It is not simply technique, but the way he looks at life and the world around him. Pete Turner



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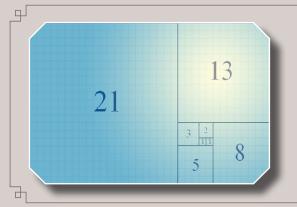
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- What is artistic cropping & formatting -> pdf + audio
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For a writer, as an artist, style is a matter of vision, not a technique. Marcel Proust





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#### Fundamental Artistic Composition Theories

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What are the Fundamental Artistic Theories ? -> pdf + audio

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly. What is essential is invisible to the eye. Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Fundamental Artistic Composition Theories exercises -> pdf
 Summary of the 8 Gestalt Concepts -> pdf + audio

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Your first 10,000 photographs are your worst. Henri Cartier-Bresson



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### The Eight Gestalt Concepts



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2 - Similarity



3 - Alignment



4 - Continuity



5 - Closure



6 - Figure and Ground

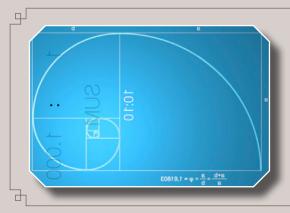


7 - Balance



8 - Simplicity

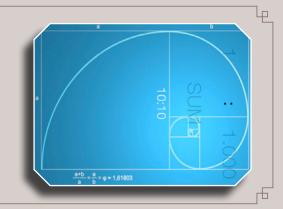
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All creative success requires creative failure. Julia Cameron



#### The Golden Ratio Theory

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**10** Fundamental Artistic Composition Concepts

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Like other visual artists, let's have the courage to create images that express how we imagine how a scene was, rather than just what the camera saw. Michael Reichmann

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There is no blue without yellow and without orange. Vincent Van Gogh





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# Negative Space

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Black is the queen of all colors. Henri Matisse



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- What is geometry restructuring ? -> pdf + audio
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The other thing in composition is opening up the unconscious. John Fahey



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- What is color ? -> pdf + audio
- Recreating athmospheric depth -> pdf + audio
- Why painters got it right -> pdf + audio
- Colors and feelings -> pdf
- Color examples -> pdf + audio

A law of composition: If it does not fit do not force it; it is not for it. Jack Bartholomew



# Black & White

- What is black & white ? -> pdf + audio
- Black & White convertion techniques -> pdf + audio
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What is foreground background ? -> pdf + audio
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I find a single focus in the scene and then play everything off that one thing. Kenn Backhaus



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- What is high key & low key ? -> pdf + audio
- High key & low key examples -> pdf + audio

After drawing comes composition. A well-composed painting is half done. Pierre Bonnard



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21 Vertical-Horizontal

- What is vertical and horizontal ? > pdf + audio
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- What is pattern & rhythm ? -> pdf + audio
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The composition is the organized sum of the interior functions of every part of the work. Wassily Kandinsky



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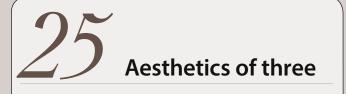
I long ago came to the conclusion that even if I could put down accurately the thing I saw and enjoyed, it would not give the observer the kind of feeling it gave me. I had to create an equivalent for what I felt about what I was looking at and not copy it. Georgia O'Keefe



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- What is the Number Three ? -> pdf + audio
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All science touches on art; all art has its scientific side. The worst scientist is the one who is not an artist; the worst artist is the one who is not a scientist. Armand Trousseau



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#### THE FIFTEEN FUNDAMENTAL ARTISTIC COMPOSITION CONCEPTS





2 - Perspective



3 - Restructuring



4 - Form



5 - Lines



9 - Foreground-Background

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10 - High Key-Low Key



11 - Vertical-Horizontal



8 - Black and White



12 - Pattern & Rhythm

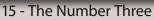
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13 - Symmetry





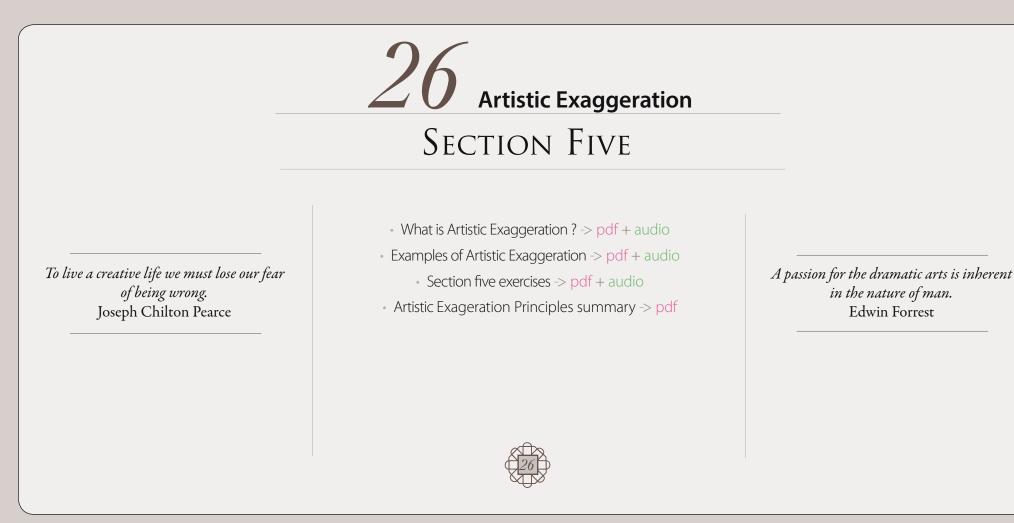




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## THE EIGHT MAJOR TYPES OF ARTISTIC EXAGERATION



5 - Foreground

6 - Tonality

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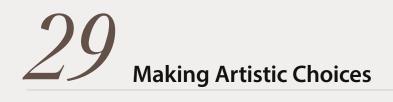
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- 23 composition mistakes -> pdf
- 15 remarks on composition -> pdf
- Effective and ineffective examples -> pdf + audio



- $\,\cdot\,$  What are effective and ineffective choices ?  $\,-\!>\,pdf$  + audio
- Making artistic choices examples -> pdf + audio
- Recommendations for further work -> pdf + audio

Composition is the art of arranging in a decorative manner the various elements which the painter uses to express his sentiments. In a picture every separate part will be visible and... everything which has no utility in the picture is for that reason harmful. Henri Matisse



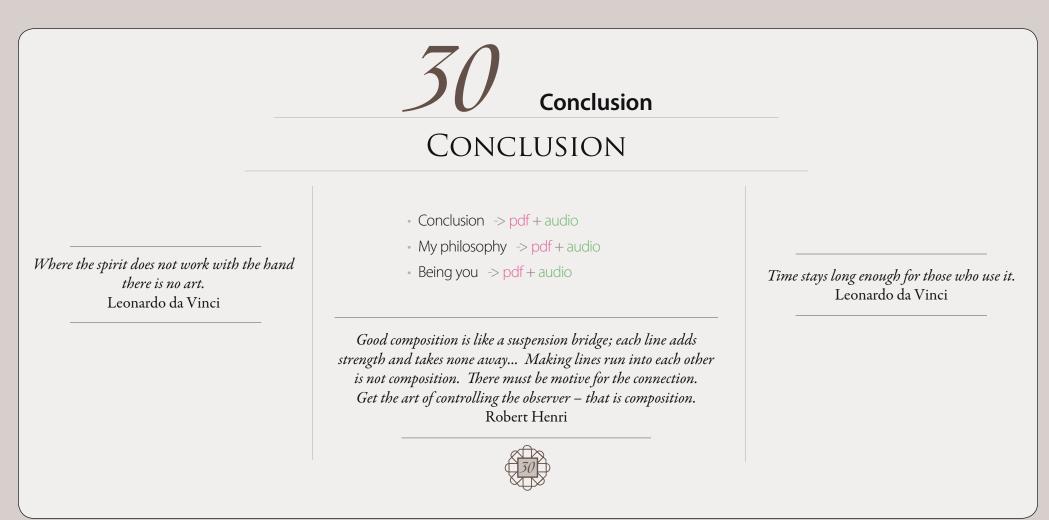




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Reference Files



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#### 2 - BOOKS ABOUT COMPOSITION

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- Golden Ratio summary -> pdf
- Fundamental Concepts summary -> pdf
- Exageration Principles summary -> pdf

#### 4 - ARTISTIC COMPOSITION CONCEPTS LIST

List of artistic composition concepts -> pdf

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication. Leonardo da Vinci

#### **REFERENCE FILES**

No one is an artist unless he carries his picture in his head before painting it, and is sure of his method and composition. Claude Monet

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<u>Project Specifics</u>: This Mastery Workshop was created in 2015 in Vistancia, Arizona.



Originally from Paris, France, I have lived in the United States since 1986. Making my home in Arizona, my favorite photographic locations include Navajoland, where I lived for 7 years, the Grand Canyon and the rugged canyonland wilderness of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona.

The choice of which camera I use is based on my vision for each image. In the past I have worked with 4x5 and 35 mm. Currently I work with 35 mm occasionally and with medium format digital primarily. Because the majority of my work is printed large, and because of the quality requirements of Fine Art, I favor large and medium format cameras.

My goal is to create photographs that demonstrate my vision. My equipment, be it cameras, software, printers, etc. is chosen for its ability to make this possible. My vision of the landscape is of a place of beauty, a place where we can experience a direct contact with nature, a place where we can find respite from the pressures and stresses of the 21st century, a place where we can find inspiration and freedom of expression.

The quality of my work is the results of two factors: hard work and natural abilities. I have been an artist all my life and I was never pushed to make art either by my parents or anyone else. I had, undoubtedly, a personal attraction for creative endeavors and for all things artistic. However, only through hard work did this natural ability result in the work I am creating today.

I started photography in 1980 and it took me years before I started creating satisfying images.

I had very high expectations for the first photographs I took, but the outcome of my early efforts was disappointing. I realized early on that persistence regular practice and a focus on study were required to succeed.

Today I have made what was originally a hobby into a successful profession. I make a living from the sale of my Fine Art Prints, I write books, create photography tutorials and teach photography workshops. I also have a significant amount of free time during which I enjoy practicing hobbies and collecting art.

If you are not satisfied with your current results, do not despair. It took me years of constant study, practice and dedication to create images that satisfy me. Succeeding in the creation of Fine Art Photographs is not an easy endeavor. However, dedication and persistence go a long way towards achieving successful results, and so does regular study with dedicated teachers who are where you want to be.

If you want to learn more about the process of achieving success in photography, I recommend reading my essay titled *Rethinking Talent* in which I describe the disappointment I experienced when saw the results of my early photographic efforts.

One of my goals in creating this DVD tutorial was to help you make the best use of your time by providing you with knowledge that took me years to acquire and refine. It is my sincere hope that this tutorial will make your journey faster, easier and, above all, fun and enjoyable.

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