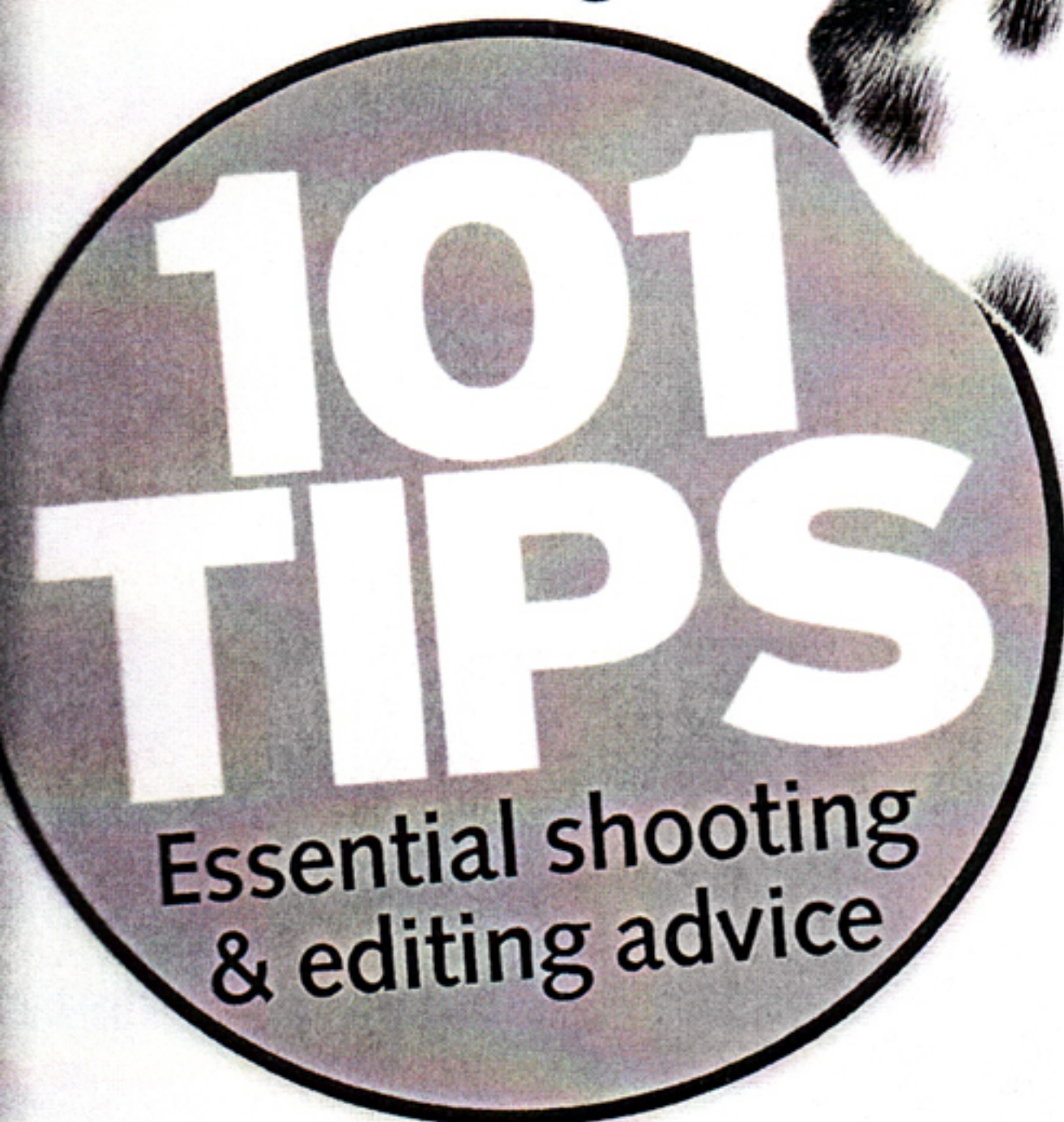


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Amateur Photographer of the Year

DAVID BURDENY (CANADA)

Born in Canada, David Burdeny has a degree in Interior Design and a Masters in Architecture. At the age of 12, David started to photograph the prairie landscape and make his own black-and-white prints in a makeshift darkroom that also served as his bedroom closet. His design background greatly influenced his penchant for simple exacting photographs of sky, horizon, and the marks humankind leaves behind. Purposely photographing in poor light, he makes use of unusually long exposures to see that which our eyes cannot. As a consequence, David's black-and-white images have been described as 'ominous', 'haunting', 'beautiful', and 'meditative'. They are exhibited across Canada and the USA, and are featured in several prominent corporate collections, such as 'Sprint', and a number of private collections across the USA, Canada, Asia, and Europe. Go online to www.davidburdeny.com in order to see more of David's award-winning and magical monochrome images.

BLACK & WHITE SPIDER AWARDS

Gain inspiration galore from the world's current reigning champions of monochrome photography

Juried by an international panel of renowned curators, auctioneers, editors and dealers of black-and-white photography, the Spider Awards shines its spotlight on the latest and greatest talent in this genre. The contemporary, classic, creative, cool and cutting-edge are all represented in the annual showcase across categories including still life,

abstract, photojournalism, architecture, nude, advertising, fine art, people and silhouette. *Digital Photography User* is a proud sponsor and takes the opportunity to pass inspiration on to all enthusiastic snappers. Join us in celebrating some of this year's winners as their reign reaches an end when the new talent is announced this month.

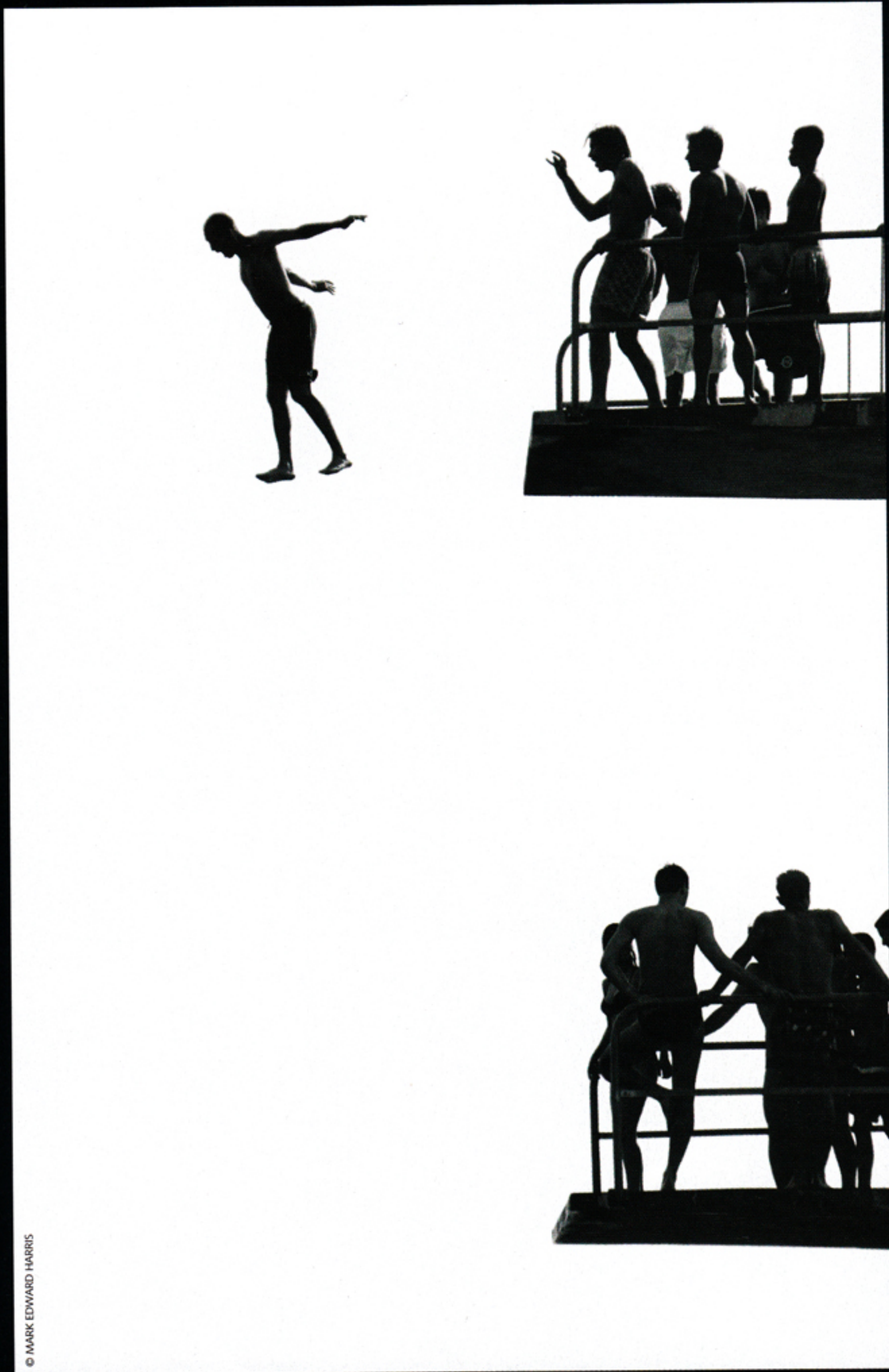


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Professional Photographer of the Year

MARK EDWARD HARRIS (USA)

After graduating from California State University, Los Angeles, with a Master of Arts Degree in Pictorial/Documentary History, Mark started his professional career doing stills for the Merv Griffin Show. When the show ended in 1986, he set off on a four-month trek across the Pacific and Southeast Asia, China and Japan, and has since photographed over 70 countries. His editorial work has appeared in publications including *Vogue*, *Elle*, *People*, *American Photo* and *The New York Times*. While his own publications include: *Faces of the Twentieth Century: Master Photographers and Their Work* and *The Way of the Japanese Bath*. Images in his latest book, *Wanderlust*, led to Mark being named Photographer of the Year at last year's Black And White Spider Awards. Surf along to Mark's website located at www.markedwardharris.com for more inspiration, or turn to page 46 to read our in-depth interview with him.



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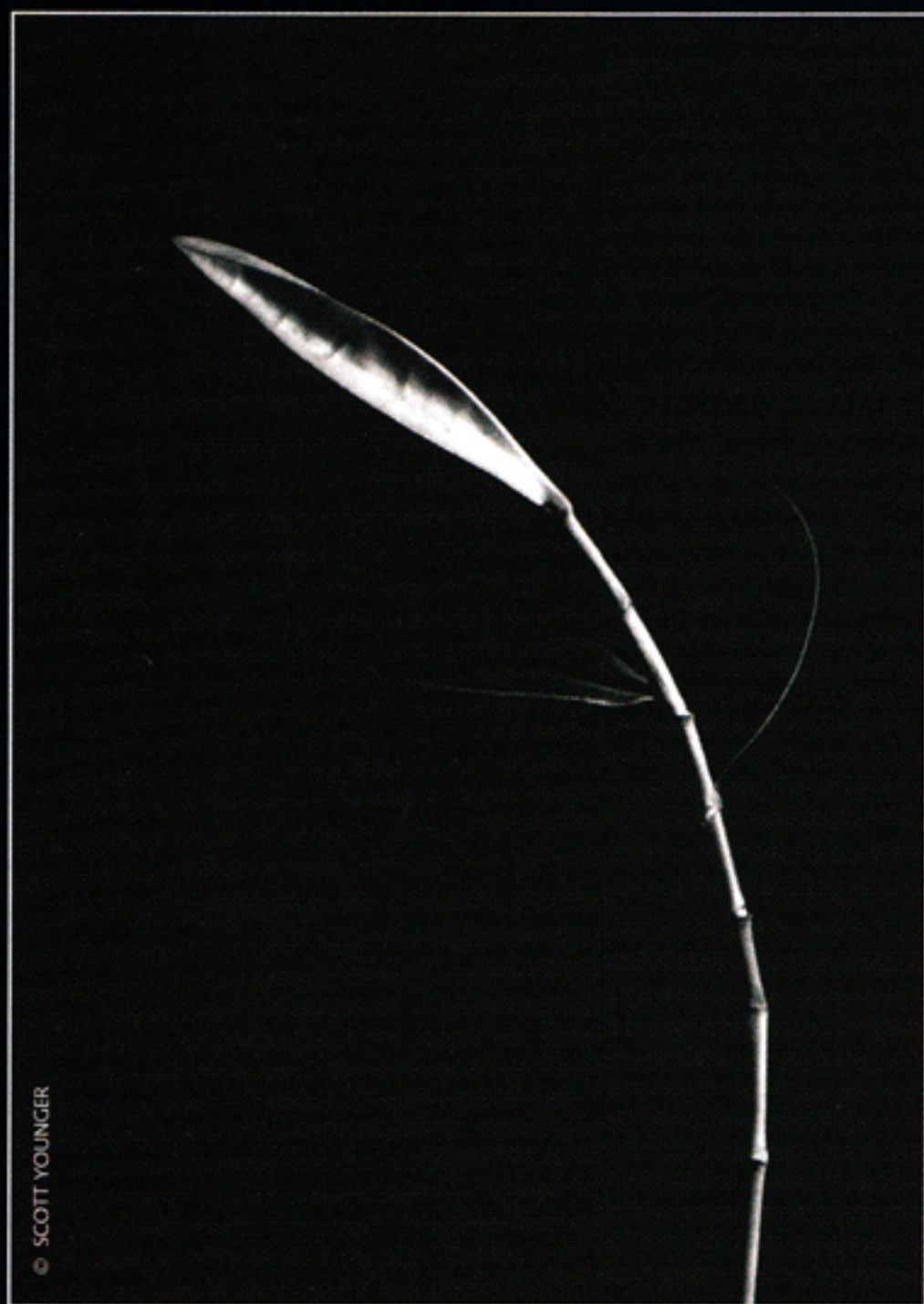
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Amateur 'Photojournalism' Winner

TOM O SCOTT (USA)

Tom O Scott grew up surrounded by German Expressionist art. He specialises in abstract photography. His best-known series is *Sand Visions*, a large collection of sand patterns made by the receding tides on the beaches near his home, or by the winds in the sand at Oceano Dunes and Guadalupe Dunes in California. His work has been awarded first place for the past two years at the San Diego Fair. Visit www.tomoscott.com to learn more.

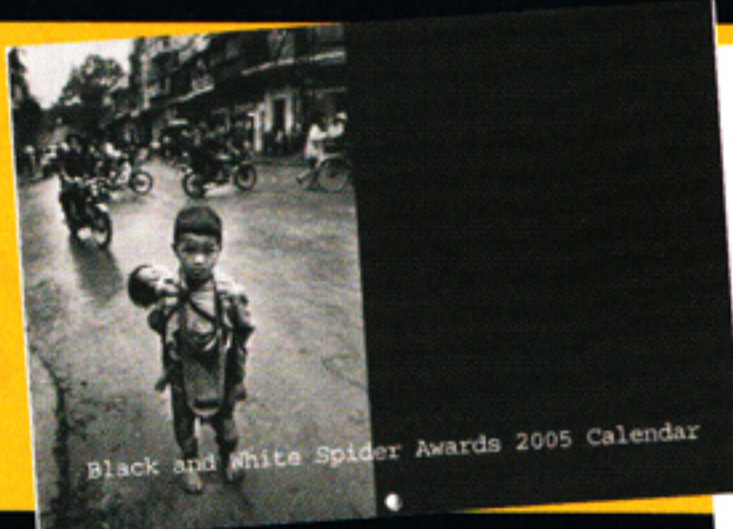
Amateur 'Still life' Winner

SCOTT YOUNGER (UK)

A New Zealander who has also lived in London, Dubai, USA and Russia, but is currently based in Germany. The vast majority of Scott's black-and-white prints are taken on gelatin silver – 35mm, 6x6 or plate cameras and archivally printed on fibre paper, hypo cleared and selenium toned. He is currently working on his own photographic book, entitled *Wondering, Wandering*, which will be released in late 2006. You can view some of Scott's best images at www.scottyounger.com.

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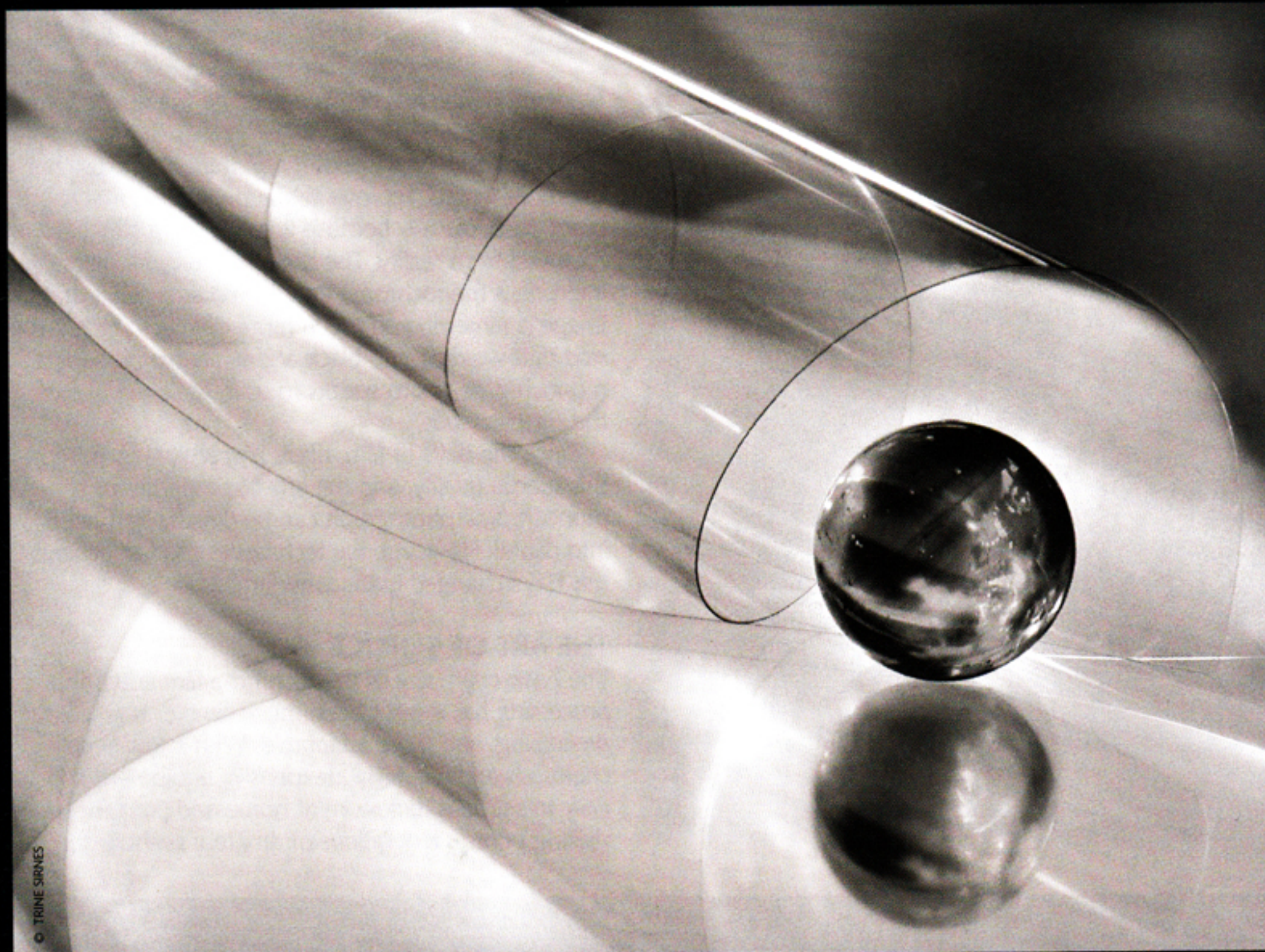
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Amateur 'People' Winner

IRA SPIEGEL (USA)

Ira is by profession a film sound editor; his work appears on television and in the cinema regularly. He lives and works in New York, and has three sons, all of whom have had to endure his interest in photography as subjects. Photography has always been a means of relaxing and growing for Ira, and he has been taking photographs and printing for many years now. Ira's main interest is in portraiture, hence his winning image.



Amateur 'Abstract' Winner

TRINE SIRNES (NORWAY)

Based in Norway, Trine Sirnes is currently involved in an exciting and worthwhile project as part of a group known as 'Digital Photography Internationale'. The group will be publishing a 100-page book of their photographs, which will be sold to benefit the victims of this year's tsunami disasters. Trine is a creative photographer whose painstaking post-capture work is to be admired. She finds inspiration in images of everyday objects, although it is her imagination that turns them into something special. Trine specialises in natural portraits, close-ups, abstracts and digital art. She was also runner-up in the Photographer of the Year category at last year's Black and White Spider Awards. You can view Trine's images on the internet at www.sirnesphotography.com.

Next issue...

We reveal the new winners of the 2006 Black And White Spider Awards. Plus, you can find out how to enter your best black-and-white images into the annual competition. You never know, you too could soon be attracting fame and glory, by having your prized pictures appear in next year's calendar!

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