

KEVIN LANTHIER

Kevin Lanthier is a visual artist, commercial photographer and digital re-toucher, and educator. He brings a strong technical foundation for digital post production to his creative work, building his images from dozens, if not hundreds, of separate photographs to create scenes and convey ideas in ways not possible with traditional photography. His company, Cake Imagery, provides commercial photography and creative digital retouching to advertising agencies around the world. Kevin also teaches Adobe Photoshop at Langara College and the Vancouver Institute of Media Arts.

On his recent show, *The Special*:

"Like any city, Vancouver has its myths and clichés. Being a lifelong resident of the Lower Mainland, these are as common to me as the North Shore Mountains, or Highway #1. As a digital photo artist, the ability to extract and recompose elements allows me to explore these ideas. So, while every subject in these images can be found within the Greater Vancouver area (unless they've already become victims of the city's ever-reconstructing nature), none will be found in the context in which you see them here.

As such, *The Special* is not at all about the strict documentation of the city, but rather presents a crafted idea of it as it exists in our memories. The flattened perspective of the buildings suggests reducing those structures to symbols, like how a child would draw a house by placing a triangle on top of a square, yet they maintain photorealism. The assembly of the pieces is done with the intention of creating a series of hyperreal, yet nostalgic little worlds, each of them distinctly and recognizably Vancouver."

Education

Professional Photo-Imaging Program
Langara College, Vancouver, BC (2007)

Integrated Media Design Program
Centre for Digital Imaging and Sound, Vancouver, BC (2000)

Awards

- 2017 Applied Arts Photo Annual, Winner – Photo Manipulation, Single
- 2016 Applied Arts Photo Annual, Winner – Limited Edition/Gallery Prints Series
- 2008 Photo Life Magazine, Winner – Emerging Photographer
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- 2007 PPABC Student Photographer of the Year
PPABC Best Student Entry
- 2006 PPABC Best Student Entry

Selected Exhibitions

- 2017 “The Special”, Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2016 Pendulum Gallery, Vancouver, BC
Hot Art Wet City, Vancouver, BC
- 2015 The Plaskett Gallery, New Westminster, BC
- 2014 Firehall Arts Center Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2012 Photohaus Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2008 Tau Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2007 Snap Contemporary Gallery, Vancouver, BC

Professional Projects

Principal of Cake Imagery Creative Retouching
Instructor, Langara College Continuing Studies
Instructor, Vancouver Institute of Media Arts
Guest Lecturer, Vancouver Institute of Media Arts (2011, 2012)

Publications and Media

Kevin Lanthier’s dreamlike photo art will make you yearn for the Vancouver of days gone by, Amanda Siebert, The Georgia Straight, January 8, 2016.