

Ian Leake - UK

Glimpses

Ian Leake seeks to create intriguing and expressive images of the human form. He works exclusively with nudes because he finds the body deeply emotive, visually fascinating, and sumptuously beautiful; his figure studies are a celebration of the uniqueness of each individual. Ian works with women of all ages and backgrounds to create intimate photographs that celebrate their femininity. His approach is to use the camera to explore and find the unique, the personal, the truthful, and the beautiful in his subjects. Ian is inspired by the sculptures of Rodin and the paintings of the classical masters. However in many ways he finds a photograph is more truthful than a sculpture or a painting because a photograph reveals what these cannot. A photograph shows the texture of skin; it shows the finest hairs, the

wrinkles, the freckles; it shows the bruises; it shows the scars. A photograph shows the real person who was living, breathing, and perhaps dreaming when the shutter clicked. A photograph shows Elizabeth, the dancer who practices every day and dreams of touring the world with one of the great ballet companies. It shows Marianne, the painter who creates the most wonderful abstract figure studies, or it shows Catherine, who scarred her arms before she realised how beautiful she is. Ian looks to record and create the truth with sensitivity.

For the last three years Ian Leake has printed his own images with the platinum process from in-camera negatives made with 4x5 and 8x10, 11x14 format cameras. The film is contact printed on hand made

archival acid free paper using the expensive and time consuming platinum process. He lives and works in London. Ian is looking for an agent or gallery in all countries.

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Left: Feet
Right Top: Legs
Right Middle: Nicola
Right Bottom: Maria's legs

