

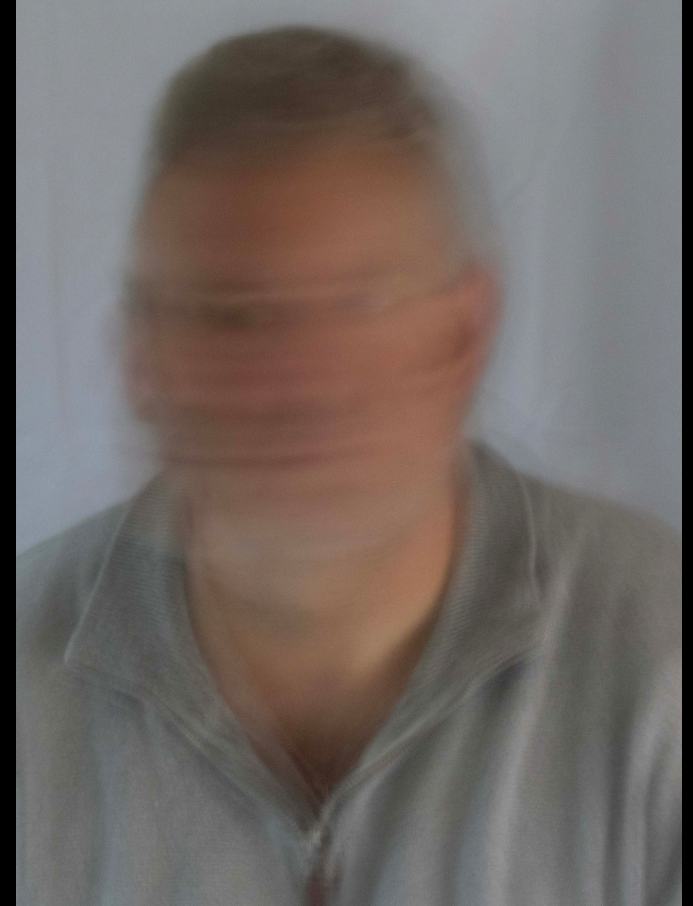
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The Poetic Image, The Cinematic Image and the Mischievous Image

Images Explained

- The first batch of photographs are the Poetic Images. I must admit I initially found these to be the most challenging of all the images, mainly because of my own blinkered ideas and lack of imagination. However, after three different attempts I am happy with what I have. The images are based upon the poem by Audre Lorde 'Good mirrors are not cheap'. Whilst others believed it was about the person's reflection, for example, beauty etc. I believed it to be about age, and the person looking back at you is an old person not the young person you believe you are. My Nan once said to me that the when she looked in a mirror, it was not the person she believed she was looking back at her. She went on to explain that in her mind she still had the same sense of humor, same interests and likes as she did when she was younger. I now look in the mirror and understand what she meant.
- The hand and eyes are lined and old. The dust represents an hourglass of time slipping away and the distorted face a depiction of not knowing who we now are.
- The cinematic images were my favorite to take, I was getting used to being creative and less blinkered and I just clicked with my idea of creating a collection of images depicting depression and loneliness. The style and inspiration came from Francesca Woodmans book 'Being an Angel'. These images come from the heart, a time I suffered from depression, a loneliness that can only be understood by someone who has gone through the same. The images were taken with the help of my son, Christopher.
- The Mischievous images were my least favorite of the photographs. I do not really like this style of photography and again found it difficult due to being blinkered about my own likes and dislikes. The images are inspired by Leonard De Vinci's Vitruvian Man' image. The body parts are from my 2 nephews, Sam and Juno, my son, Christopher and his girlfriend Alivia. Even though I did not like this section, I am happy with the outcomes.

Poetic Images





Cinematic Images



Mischievous Images

