

KURT WESTON

Artist Statement

Kurt Weston, world-class photographer turned blind visionary is a Master of Fine Arts graduate from California State University, Fullerton. In his early career, Weston, was a fashion / glamour photographer. He would jet to Europe with top makeup artists and hair stylists, transforming models to create the ultimate in style and beauty. His life changed in 1996, when the photographer became legally blind from Uveitis, an inflammatory eye condition which left him totally blind in his left eye and with limited peripheral vision - no central vision in his right eye. He perceives the world much as it would appear in an impressionist painting.

Having to negotiate his life with sight loss, Weston, began learned new skills at the Braille Institute in Southern California. With the help of the use of low vision magnification devices and adaptive computer technology Weston reimagines his fashion portraits utilizing the technique of photomontage. He combines his highly stylized, color saturated images with graphic designs, illustrations and paintings transforming the images into unique contemporary artworks