

Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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Todd Walker vs. Garry Winogrand

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Gum Dichromate print by Todd Walker

Former TA and current buddy [Justin Reed](#) correctly chides me for mocking Todd Walker. I'm sorry. I was just looking for an example of solarization on the web and that is the first thing I stumbled across. But I do think that much of the current photoshop-y work resembles the kind of noodling practiced by Walker, Heinecken, Uelsmann and probably every 70's photography student. That work has a place in history. But I'd still rather look at Winogrand.



Garry Winogrand "World's Fair, New York City" 1964

6 Comments

1. Please don't be sorry. It was an appropriate example.

Comment by [ford](#) — September 8, 2006 @ [11:51 am](#)

2. amen. even pictures from his last days in LA when he was taking shots of anything.

Comment by [j zorn](#) — September 8, 2006 @ [12:00 pm](#)

3. I try to be open minded and consider work like Todd Walker's work as art. But I have a hard time considering it as photography. BTW, a couple of your books are on my Amazon wish list. Gotta get 'em the next time I'm back in the USA.

I just found your blog and I hope that you will continue it. I like reading about the day-to-day thoughts of another photographer.
Billie

Comment by [Billie](#) — September 8, 2006 @ [1:24 pm](#)

4. Honestly, is it fair to put that many photographers in a heavy weight competition with Garry? Garry wins first round knock out every time. I have seen in my schools library, a video tape of Winogrand working in LA in some of the last years of his life. It is very fun to watch. You see he really had this attachment and need to make photographs. It shows him walking the streets of LA talking about how he makes photographs and the whole time he is whispering to the camera man how, when the right time comes he will turn around to make this or that persons picture.

Comment by [Kevin Thrasher](#) — September 9, 2006 @ [11:13 am](#)

5. [...] alec soth – blog photographica, miscellanea, etcetera « Todd Walker vs. Garry Winogrand Christian Patterson beats me to the punch – again! » [...]

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6. Wonder if it's this video of Winogrand in LA?

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