

# Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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## Life of Brian

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Congratulations to the two Midwestern Brian's selected for this years [PDN 30](#). My former student and current printer [Brian Lesteberg](#) was recognized for his fantastic pictures from North Dakota. And buddy [Brian Ulrich](#) received the PDN 30-sixish for, well, you all know [Brian](#). Briagraphy rules!

## 6 Comments

1. [...] Alec stepped up to congratulate not one, but two Brians on their inclusion in this year's PDN30. I offer my congratulations too! I love the PDN30 – it's how I found Ben Donaldson initially, and many of the Hot Shots were PDN30 picks in the past as well. [...]

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2. b. lesterberg reminded me of les krims. nice work

b. ulrich, kept thinking, where have i heard of that guy? it was here. also nice work.

*Comment by [charley](#) — March 13, 2007 @ [9:57 pm](#)*

3. Randonne question, how does one become a student of yours?

*Comment by [Nick](#) — March 14, 2007 @ [11:59 am](#)*

4. I'm no longer teaching.

*Comment by [Alec Soth](#) — March 14, 2007 @ [6:56 pm](#)*

5. Got the PDN30 in hand, great 30! Especially the 2 Brians, who one is my old classmate and another is my new friend. Midwestern photographers are awesome!

*Comment by [Shen Wei](#) — March 14, 2007 @ [7:50 pm](#)*

6. Brians rule. I'm also Brian, and so's my wife.

Only one of the PDN 30 seems to have not studied photography, art, or design. I wonder what part education plays in the selection process.

*Comment by [rob](#) — March 15, 2007 @ [12:33 pm](#)*