

MCKAY IMAGING PHOTOGRAPHY
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Bios & Statement



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We are Robert McKay and Elisabeth Koch-McKay, a collaborative husband and wife photography team. Our work days together are full of exciting challenges and interesting people. We feel very, very lucky!

In addition to our photography studio in Red Bank, NJ, we have run a part time gallery space, on and off, in our space for the last 16 years. The 40+ shows that we've had here at McKay Gallery have mostly had a heavy concentration on photography. Anyone who has been to our shows will tell you that we try to feature work that somehow pushes the conventional limits of photography to other levels. It has been fun having the opportunity to feature other creative photographers in our space over the years.

When The Guild asked us to judge the EyeSights show once again, it was both flattering and humbling. We have both enjoyed attending this show for so many years now and have enjoyed jurying it, from time to time, just as much. Photography is more than just a job for us... in fact, in many ways, it defines who we are... and so, choosing the work that will be shown in this exhibit is a task that we do not take lightly.

We have a big love for all forms of photography, documentary, still life, portraits, nature, landscapes and abstract and will be looking for work that excels in each of these categories as well as work that pushes the limits of what photography has become in this digital age. When all is said and done, we hope that you enjoy this show as much as we will enjoy viewing selecting the work that is to be in it. Ultimately, we all will create this show together!

Best of luck to all of you and thanks so much for creating and sharing your work with us!

ELISABETH KOCH-MCKAY

Elisabeth was born in Austria and came to The United States in 1992 with the idea of pursuing a career in fashion design. Always having had a big interest in the arts, she started taking art classes in Brookdale Community College where she met Robert and eventually graduated with an AA degree in Communications Design. It was there where she fell in love with photography and a partner which would share her passion. Soon afterwards, she was notably accepted to The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York City where she earned her BFA with a concentration on photography.

Liz founded McKay Imaging with Bob in 1995 and they were married in June of 1998. In addition to being an enlightened photographer, Liz is a talented graphic designer and her interest in fashion and conceptual design shows vividly in her personal work.

In addition to her work at McKay Imaging, Liz worked for 11 years as the printer and studio manager for celebrated local photographer Danny Sanchez. This led to her being Creative Director to Danny's D-Tour Magazine. She has also been employed as the co-photo editor of X-it Magazine, a publication of The Monmouth Arts Council. She was the Co-chair of the Brookdale Alumni Art Show for 7 years and served for 2 years as the Art Director for The Freedom Film Society. She has served as a juror for both The Middletown Arts Center's Annual Photography Show, The Shore Institute of Contemporary Arts Photography Show, The Art Alliance and the photography section of The Monmouth Festival of the Arts. Over the last 16 years, Liz co-curated many of the 40+ shows at McKay Imaging gallery. In 2014 she co-juried the EyeSights photography show at the Guild of Creative Arts, the annual photo show at the Ocean County Artist's Guild and also juried the "People" show at The Belmar Arts Council. That same year, she began work as a member of The Art Alliance Curatorial Committee and continued that work for 3 more years. In 2017, she co-juried the EyeSights show once again and will gratefully repeat that honor in 2021!

When the pandemic touched us all, Liz went back to her fashion roots and started a new company, "Hedgehog & Ivy", a creative line of children's apparel, made from organic fabrics. To date, McKay

Imaging Photography Studio remains open on Monmouth Street in Red Bank. Liz has exhibited in many galleries over the years, but now enjoys flexing her creative muscles by both making clothing at home and in her personal & commercial photography at McKay Imaging Studio.

ROBERT SCOTT MCKAY

Robert, who was born and raised in New Jersey, has been taking pictures his whole life. Having had the luxury of growing up in an artistic family, Robert is largely self-taught. He embraced photography as an art form at an early age and has shown in many shows and galleries, winning prizes and accolades along the way. He attended Brookdale Community College, where he met Elisabeth and graduated with an AA in Communications Design, majoring in photography. He and Liz founded McKay Imaging in 1995 and married in June of 1998. His interests and strengths lie in styling and documentary photography from which most of his personal work is derived.

In addition to his work at McKay Imaging, Bob was employed as the co-photo editor of X-it Magazine, a publication of The Monmouth Arts Council. He was the Co-chair of the Brookdale Alumni Art Show for 7 years and served for 3 years as the Director of Operations for The Freedom Film Society, producers of The Red Bank International Film Festival. He has served as a juror for both The Middletown Arts Center's Annual Photography Show, The Shore Institute of Contemporary Arts Photography Show, The Art Alliance, The Black Mariah Children's Film Festival and the photography section of The Monmouth Festival of the Arts. In 2014 and again in 2017 he co-juried the EyeSights photography show at the Guild of Creative Arts, also jurying the annual photo show at the Ocean County Artist's Guild as well as the "People" show at The Belmar Arts Council. That same year, he began work as a member of The Art Alliance Curatorial Committee and worked there for 3 years. This year Robert will gratefully co-jury the EyeSights show once again.

Robert has co-curated many of the 40+ shows at McKay Imaging Gallery is now a business manager and stylist/photographer at McKay Imaging Photography Studio.

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