

*What Makes You  
Happy?*

An Exhibition by NC Photography class '19-'20

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## Exhibition Statement.

The images contained in this exhibition all relate in some way to the theme

“What Makes You Happy?”

An age old question designed to make us take a moment of our busy schedules to stop and appreciate the things, big and small that make us smile. Even through the hardest of times.

We, as a class, decided upon this theme to allow others to view, for a brief second, what makes us happy, and to see if it evokes the same emotions in them.

It is a question that could be controversially answered, perhaps the image of a dead and withered plant evokes happiness in some, as it reminds them of the fragility and beauty of life. While that same image would bring others a sense of dread.

We hope that our images bring you the same sense of joy that they bring us.

And as a class we thank you, for taking the time to take a glimpse into our world, to see what brings us happiness.

- NC Photography Class of '19/'20.

## Helen Bradford

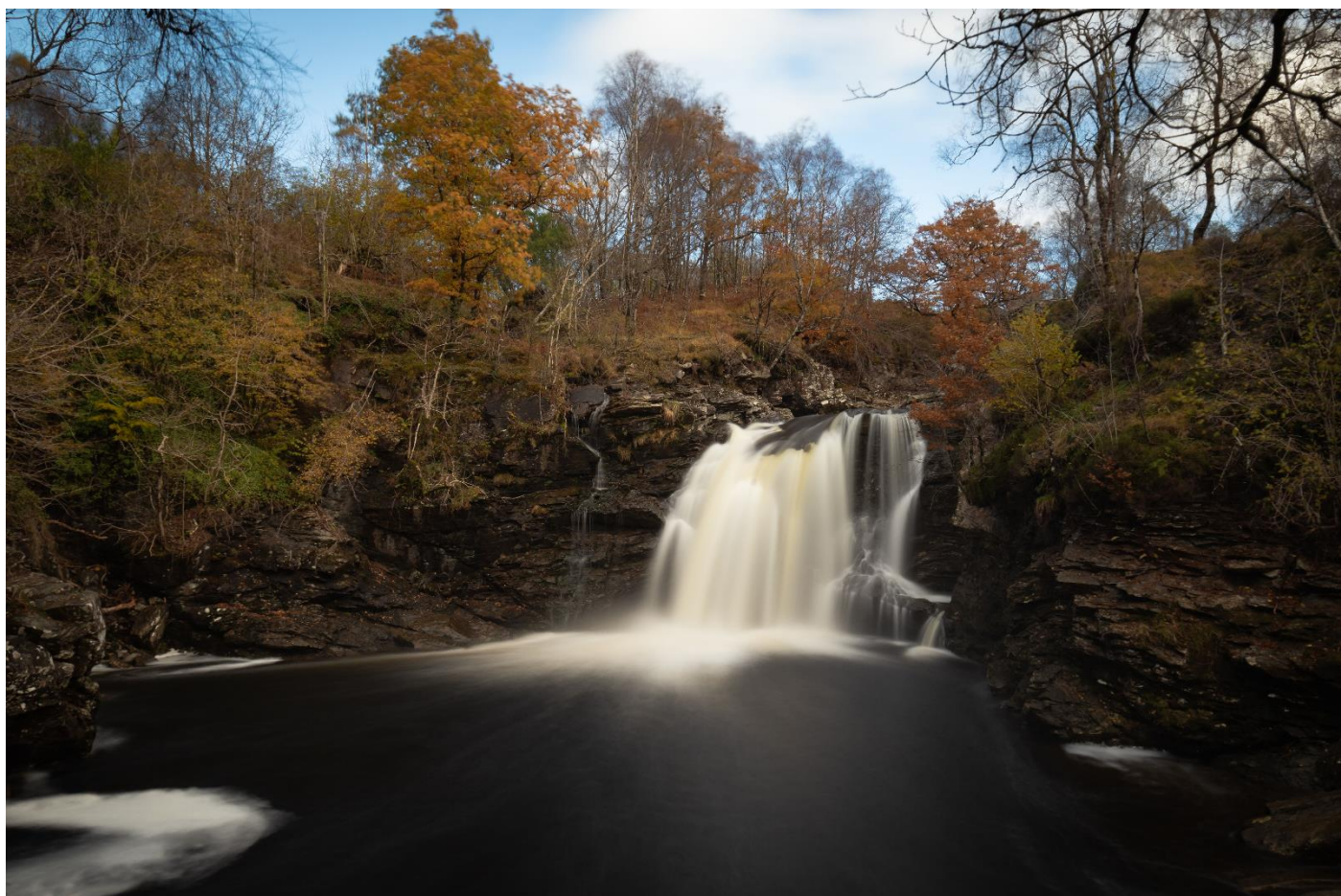


My name is Helen and my love for photography started around two and a half years ago. I have always enjoyed walking in the countryside and exploring new scenic areas as I love the peace and tranquillity that this brings. I decided to buy a camera to capture the beauty of the outdoors and this became my passion. I took photographs whenever I could between juggling my full-time job and home life. I decided to take night classes at Ayrshire College and enjoyed learning and exploring photography further. I enjoyed these classes so much that I decided to quit my full-time job and study photography full-time at Ayrshire College; hopefully turning my hobby into a career. I continue to enjoy learning and challenging myself further.



## Golden Hour at Kilchurn Castle, Loch Awe

This image was captured at Kilchurn Castle, Loch Awe, Argyll, in December 2019, approaching sunset on a cold, frosty winter's day. The castle was first constructed in the mid-15th century and was in ruins by 1770. It is now in the care of Historic Environment Scotland. I decided to take the photograph of the castle from across the Loch as I wanted to capture the overall beauty of the scene including the surrounding hills and the loch. I used a Canon 200D camera and 16 – 35 mm Canon lens at a focal length of 22 mm. I used a slow shutter speed of 2 minutes and 31 seconds and a Neutral Density (ND filter) to ensure that the water had a silky appearance. I used an aperture of f/9 and ISO of 800. In post-production, I wanted to show the beauty of golden hour by bringing out the blue and pink tones in the photograph. This was done very subtly by using the blue and magenta sliders in Light room.



## The Beauty of Autumn at the falls of Falloch, Crianlarich

This photograph was captured in Autumn 2019, at the Falls of Falloch, Crianlarich. The waterfall stands at an impressive 30 feet high and I attempted to capture its beauty through the medium of photography. I used a Canon 200D camera and 16 – 35 mm Canon lens with a focal length of 16 mm. I wanted to achieve a silky effect to the waterfall and therefore used a slow shutter speed of 16 seconds in my camera settings. I also used a Neutral Density (ND) filter on my camera lens to prevent too much light getting into the sensor of the camera. I used an aperture of f/8 and an ISO of 100. In post-production, I wanted to bring out the warm tones of Autumn, so very slightly enhanced the oranges in the trees at the side of the waterfall for a natural effect.

## John Forbes



My name is John Forbes, I got into photography about 4 years ago and immediately realised that it was what I wanted to do with my life. I really like the way that a photograph can freeze a moment in time and preserve it forever. Photography also allows me to express my creativity with my image editing and image taking.



## Autumn Leaves

The autumn scene makes me happy because autumn is my favourite season, the bright and vibrant orange tones really bring the image to life and catch the eye of the viewer. The photo was shot close to the ground, making the leaves the main focus of the image. I took this image during college while out a walk.





## The Laughing Clown

The picture of a clown smiling and laughing makes me happy because seeing someone smiling is infectious, seeing someone smile immediately makes you want to smile. Seeing other people happy often makes you happy. I took this image during Tam Fest, this magician was walking around and was performing a trick for a kid.

## Joshua Gibson



Hello there, my name is Joshua Gibson and I am an aspiring photographer and media artist. I am currently doing this course because I have a love for the art of photography as I don't see photographs as a simple image but a single moment captured in time - that can be as simple or as complex as one desires.

The theme for this is what makes us happy and here are my images and the reason why they make me happy.



## The Setting Decade.

Every day we see suns setting and rising but this one has a particular importance. Every year and decade we see tragedy and happiness, death and life, some of us out there see the light everyday while others seem like they are always in the darkness. The reason this image makes me happy is because it shows no matter where you are in the darkness the light will rise again on you one day.



### The Blooming Flower.

A flower in bloom suggests many things, purity, beauty and goodness in essence but still as time passes by the flower will wilt and die but will still grow again through the generations. The reason this image makes me happy is that it's a reminder that no matter how much we feel like we're dying inside, no matter how much we are in pain, like a flower we will soon see the light and grow better with every passing day.

## Mark Jewell



Hi, I'm Mark Jewell and am a mature(ish) student at Ayrshire college. After many years of working full time, with my daughter starting high school I took the financial risk to quit the dreaded 9-5 for something I love. I've been a fan of photography for many years and have always enjoyed it as a hobby and felt for me it was time to choose chasing my dream.



## Ailsa Sunset Snappers

Having shown one of my main passions in music with my first image, this now shows another, Photography.

Photography is very important to me and this image has it all. Living on the west coast of Scotland, the outlook from the coastline is quite breath taking, and we are very lucky to enjoy some beautiful sunsets. This image was taken from the pier in Ayr, shooting towards the heads of Ayr revealing the Ailsa Craig on the horizon. A stunning image made even better by the capture of a fellow photographer in the frame, with their tripod set up on the beach also hunting that killer shot.

This image also has very minimal editing, showcasing the true beauty of the sky upon sunset on the west of Scotland.



## Passion

Here we see an image I created of a turntable playing a record from my extensive collection. The record playing is a song called 'Passion' by an artist called 'Amen UK.'

This shows my passion for Music and for the art of DJing, which has been a huge part of my life now as both a hobby and a job for some 19 years.

The image was created to show this, with minimal editing to convey the raw energy and emotion which my music collection brings to me.

## Bailey Johnston



Hi my name is Bailey Johnston I'm 18 and I am a student studying NC photography. One of my aspiration for photography is to be a forensic photographer or a studio photographer. I got into photography through a media course as I enjoyed the photography part of the course more than the filming part.





## Coastal Scents

What makes me happy about this image is how the image is shot. It combines two of my favourite things: the beach and my favourite scent. The lack of depth of field and the space around the image creates a strong scene and could be a promotional advert. The composition I feel is solid and focused with the aftershave being the main focus and the background being crisp and fresh.

I feel inspired by the bright, and intense colours in this image.



## Imaginary Friend

What makes me happy about this image is the way that it is shot. The side shot creates an atmospheric, brooding look- black and white tones really help sell the moodiness of the image. It also adds a lot of depth in the image. What makes me happy also is the story behind the image. My friend Josh and I were out with our cameras and the light was just right and I instinctively snapped this image and I was very pleased with the outcome. After taking this and seeing the outcome made me finally realize that photography is what I really want to do.

## Rebekah McNeill



I'm Rebekah, and here is a little bit about me. I have a love for wildlife and fairy-tale photography. I love Disney and fairy-tales or anything magical. On my days off college I enjoy open water swimming and paddle boarding only in the good months though. I am also a uniformed member of the Air Training Corps as an adult Sargent. I hope you enjoy my images.



## Free

This image is of the front of my Paddle board at Loch Doon. This image makes me happy because being out in the water makes me feel free and relaxed. I have no cares or worries being on the paddle board. I am also out in the fresh air seeing the landscapes or the beach, it is an adventure and an amazing experience.



## Enchantment

This image is of the Beauty and the Beast Rose. This image makes me happy because it gives me the fairy-tale feelings of hope, love and doing something that you love and not letting anyone stand in your way. Disney for me is an escape from the real world, every story begins with Once Upon a Time...

## Pamela McWilliam



My name is Pamela McWilliam, I am 33 years old (unfortunately) and still waiting on becoming an adult. After discovering a love for makeup artistry and achieving my HND, I have ventured forth into the world of photography. My goal is to become a successful fantasy photographer and take my love of colour, shape and form into the realm of still imaging. Nature, witchcraft, crystals, music and books are my passion. And the more colour I can squeeze into my day the better.



### Worship

This is a close up shot of part of the setup of my altar at home. This small area pays tribute to two of my favourite things; plants and crystals. The softness of the leaves reflected in the softness of the stones, and both are organic beings.

Both coming from the earth and both will eventually return there.



The Good Boy.

Colin.

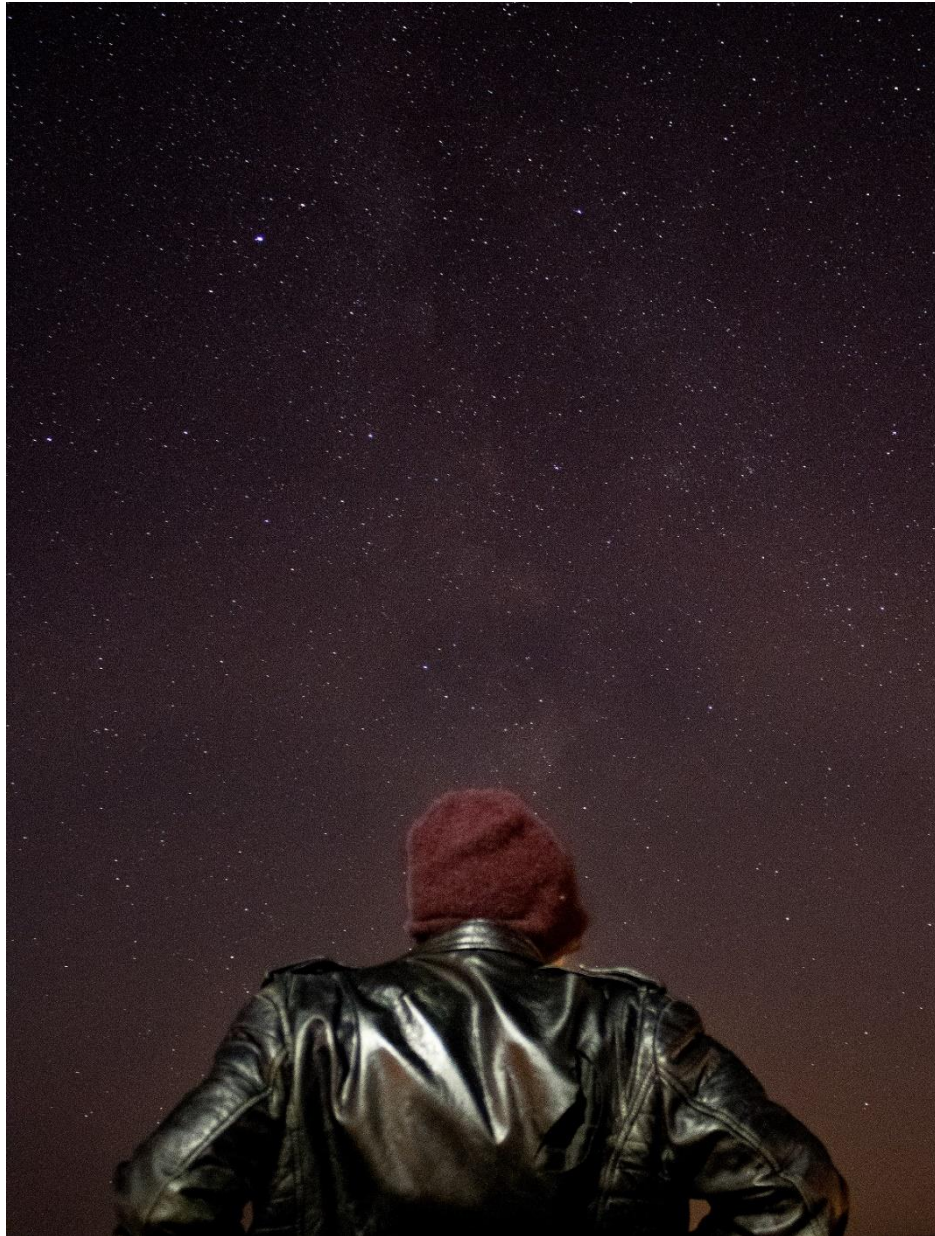
All the explanation anyone ever needs about him.



## Grant Northcote



Hi, I'm Grant Northcote. I have always appreciated photography but started a few years ago while camping in Arran. My 'What Makes You Happy' images focuses on the smaller things; things that can give me happiness.



### Starry Sky

My image of a starry sky represents happiness to me because being under stars on a clear night is a very calming experience. I have always been fascinated with and found it easy to get lost in the beauty of the stars and hopefully my image can give people an appreciation of something that you can fail to notice on a daily basis.



## Book by The Fire

My image of a book by the fire makes me think of home, comfort and warmth.

These things are great ingredients to happiness, especially having a book to allow yourself to view the world from someone else's perspective or to explore a world that someone else has created. This image to me captures the happiness that can be had on any day for most people.

## Karra Pope



I have a major passion for photography. It's something I've practiced for almost 5 years (still going strong)

Those who know me would maybe say I have that outgoing, adventurous personality. I can't help it but I would even call myself hilarious.



### The Eyes of a Horse

Another favourite, horses are just one of the many things that make me happy, I get the joy of working with these wonderful horses, and they know how to just brighten up your day with giving just a glance. You can tell a lot when you look in to the eyes of one of these magnificent creatures



### The Stallion.

You may not realise it but this photograph does actually relate to the theme of “What Makes You Happy”, in numerous ways. This photo makes me happy because its portraiture and portraiture is one of my favourite types of photography. Also, because this photograph really represents the models personality, the fact they could be themselves for this shoot is unreal.

## Shannon Rodie



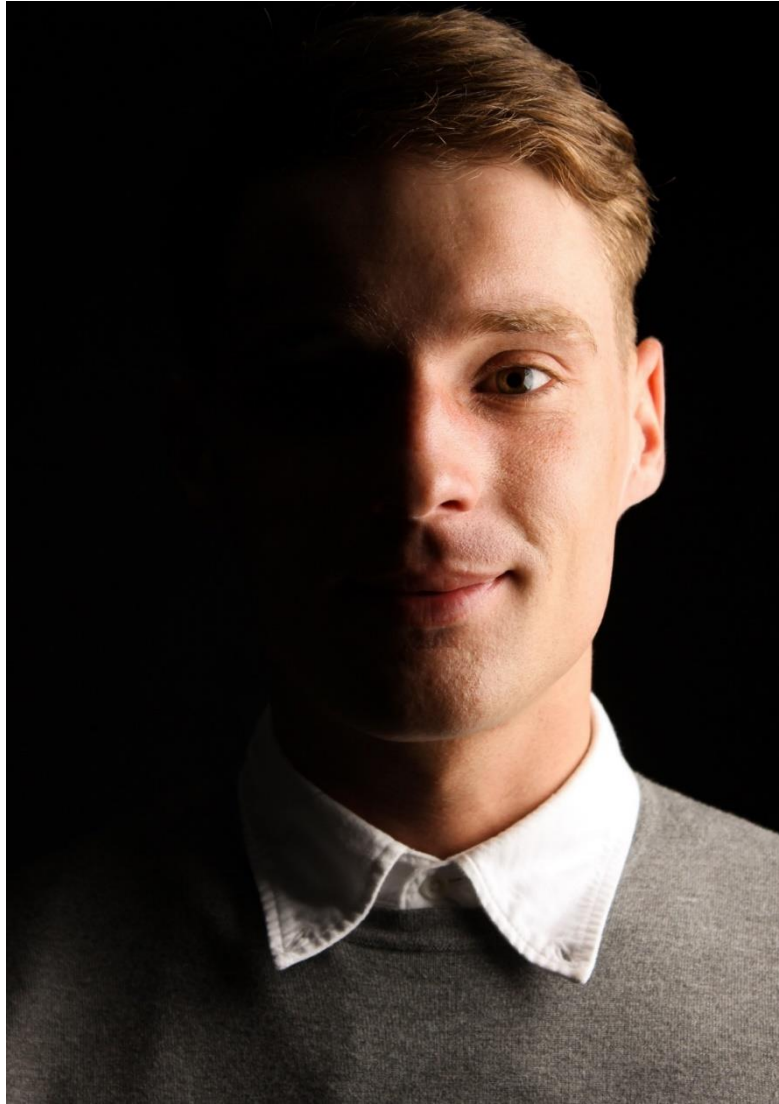
My name is Shannon, I am 26 and I am an NC Photography student! Photography has been an important passion of mine for many years, that I have enjoyed as a means of fun, self-expression and creativity. The NC Photography Course has been an ideal starting point for me, allowing me to expand my knowledge and photographing experience, while helping me to discover my photographic style and future.



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This image was taken in the city of Valetta, Malta in October 2019. It represents two of my favourite things – travel and architecture. There is nothing I love more than to travel to a new place, experience different perspectives and immerse myself into new cultures. Architecture sparks my imagination; travel feeds my curiosity and encourages me to look at things differently while reminding me how much we all have in common.





## Cheese

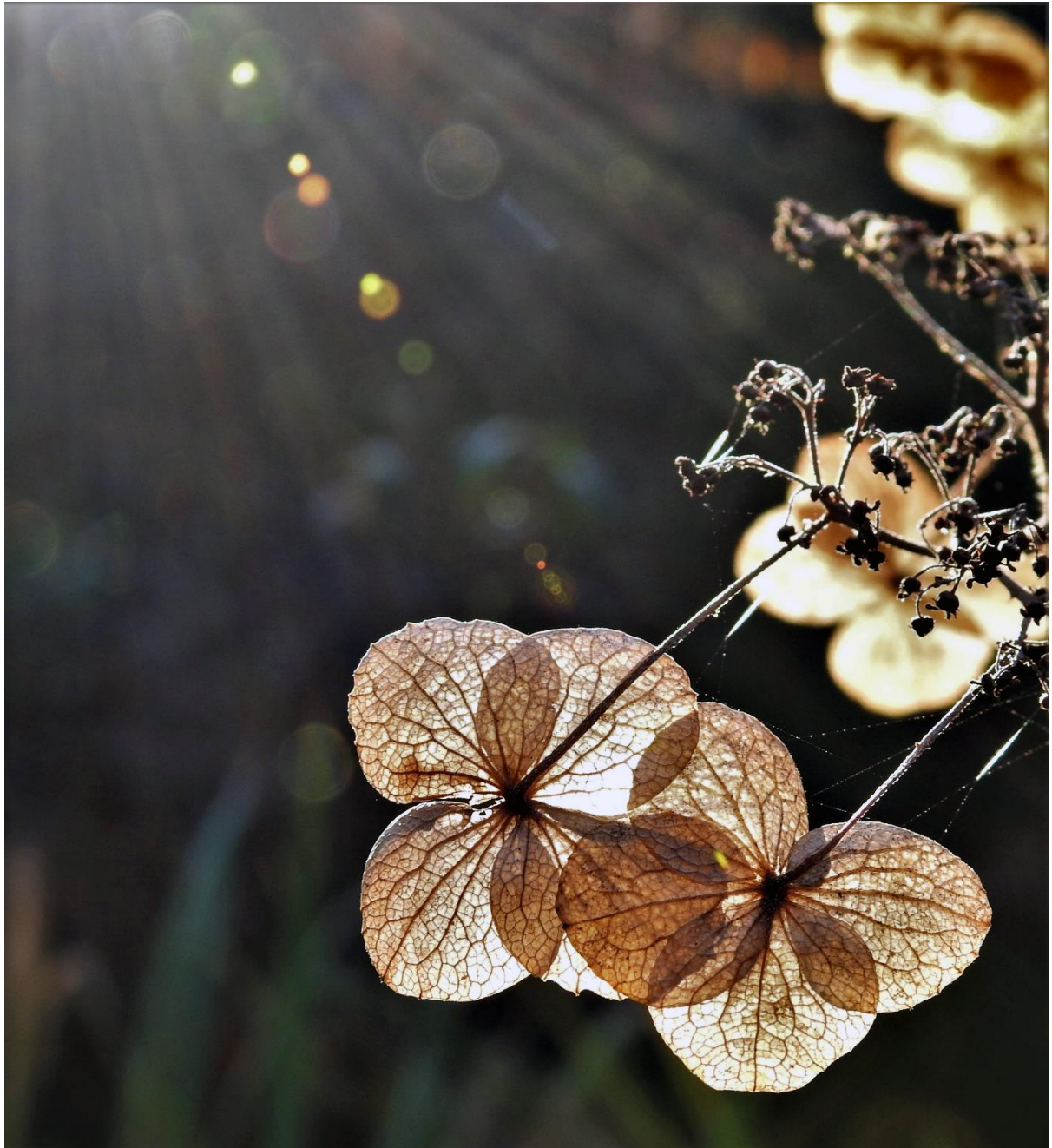
When asking myself the question “What Makes Me Happy?” my boyfriend Marc seemed to be an obvious and clear answer. He makes me laugh, encourages and inspires me every day. So it seemed only fitting that my portrait of Marc should feature. He makes me the happiest!

## Isobel Shaw



My name is Isobel Shaw.

I picked up the camera later in life, but from the minute I did, my life changed.  
My passion for photography has taken over.



## Sun Rays

This photo was taken at Dumfries House here in Ayrshire, a place I love to go to for some me time. No matter the time of year there is always something to see and photograph, on this particular day the sun caught my eye as it slanted down on to this wee flower and highlighted the small veins. The way sunlight illuminates shadow and also creates atmosphere and texture is what makes me happy. I used my Nikon P900 for this shot, and my settings were, f/2.8 Exposure of 1/800 sec and an ISO of 100.



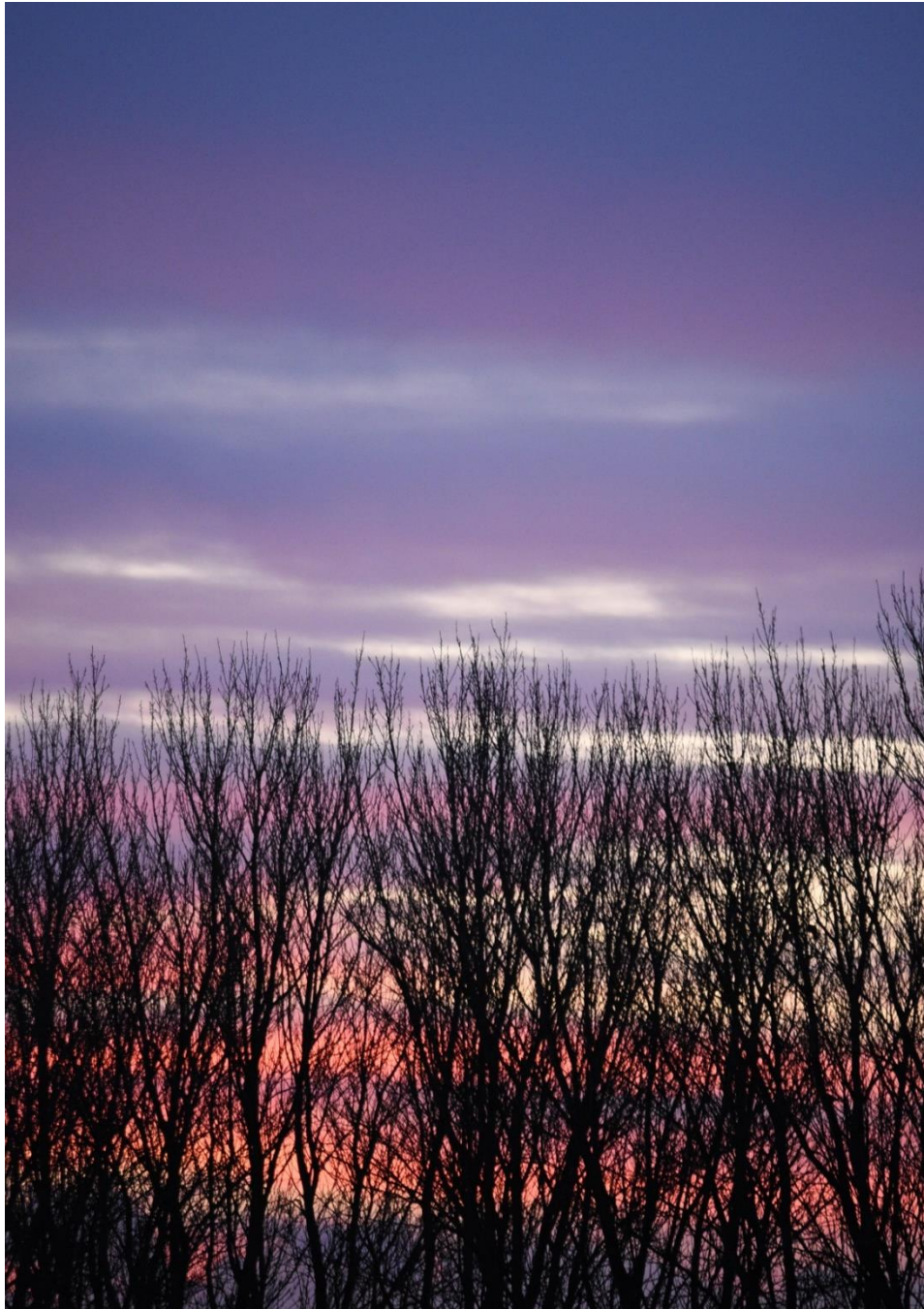
## Into the Sun Light

I have always loved the way the sunlight can create shadows and depth of field. In this image, my friend and I were out walking and she was ahead of me. As I am always stopping and looking around, I glanced up to see where she was and the scene caught my breath, because the way the sun was slanting down towards her. She looked like she was following the path into the sunlight.

## Caitlin Wilson



I'm Caitlin I'm 18 years old and I've loved photography since doing higher at school. My dogs name is Jake in the second image; he's my furry best friend that's mad and I love pink in the sky coming through the trees brings a smile to most people seeing colours from nature.



## Sky On Fire

This image makes me happy mostly because of the strong colours in the sky.

The sky shining through the silhouettes of the trees just makes this image warm and happy, and I know how many people love a sunset. The red sky at night always appears happy to many people with the colours giving a calm atmosphere.



## Jake

This image makes me happy because it's my dog and he's my best friend. In this image he is a happy dog in the sunshine, enjoying his walk. In this image I got down to his level to get a better perspective and so he would pay more attention to the camera. His name is Jake and he is a mad collie.

## Alex Wynne



I first discovered photography around two years ago and thoroughly enjoyed it. Since then I took a detour into makeup, but ultimately returned to photography to pursue a career in that, however my makeup skills will allow me to have an edge when producing the images, I want.

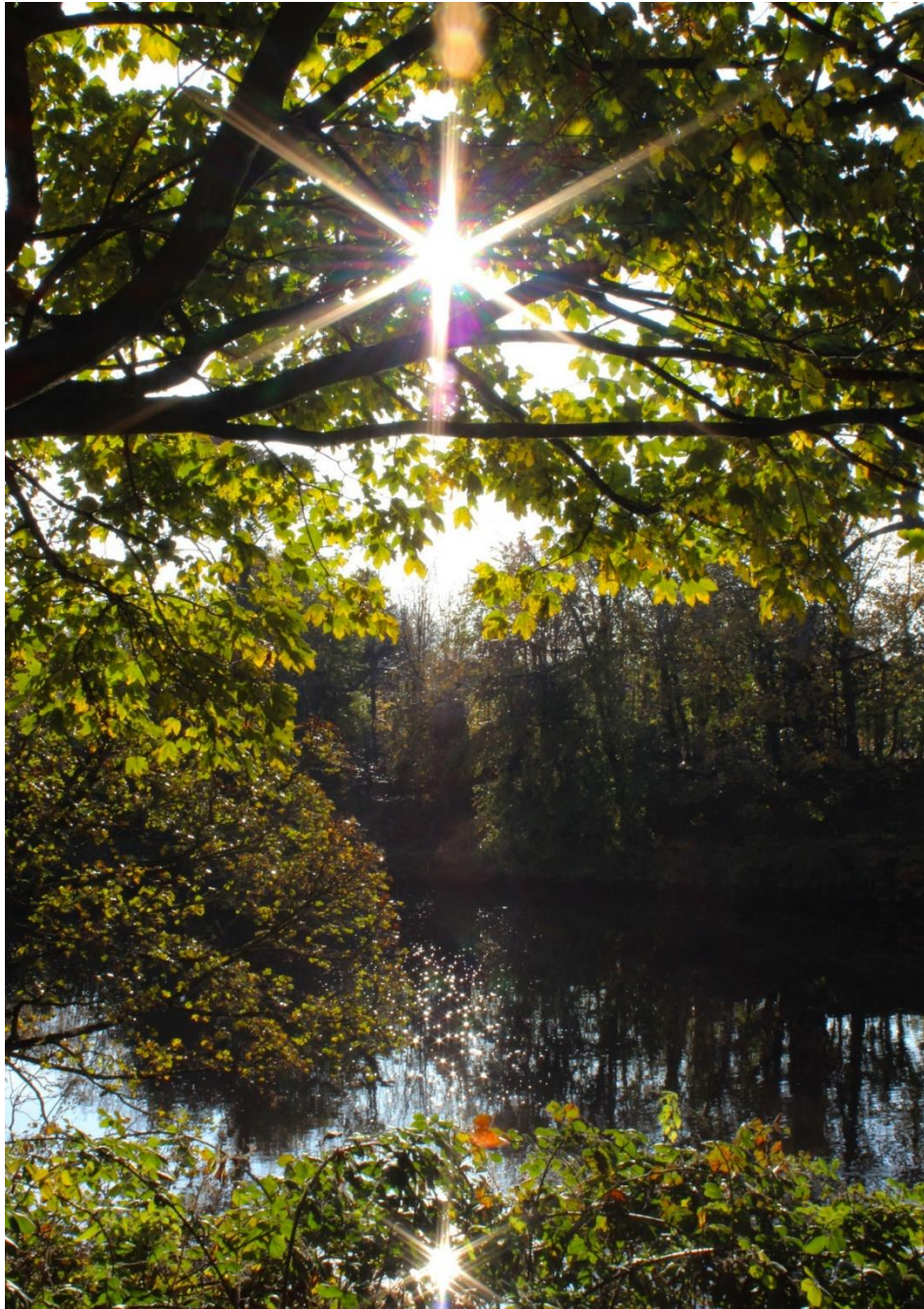




## Music's Lips

This photograph portrays my love for music. I am well known for my eclectic taste in music, and I feel this photo represents a few of my favourite musicians.

Highlighted by the kiss marks on all of the album covers.



## The Morning Star

Summer is my favourite season of the year and I feel this photograph captures the soul of summer, with the bright green of the leaves to the starburst on the water.

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