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Creative Leader Program 2025

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Creative Leader Program started in 2024 and is an annual juried competition inviting all Gittings Global photographers to define a distinct visual aesthetic. Last years competition focused on diverse interpretations of portraiture, encouraging participants to transcend conventional norms and embrace individual creative vision.

- Each year, three photographers are awarded Creative Leaders status
- Creative Leader are highlighted on the Gittings Global website
- Creative Leader are promoted on social media with samples of the winning images
- Creative Leaders receive \$1000 Grants



2024 Creative Leaders



Jeremy Ives

Washington, D.C.



Michael Taylor

Houston, Texas



Stewart Tilger

Seattle, Washington



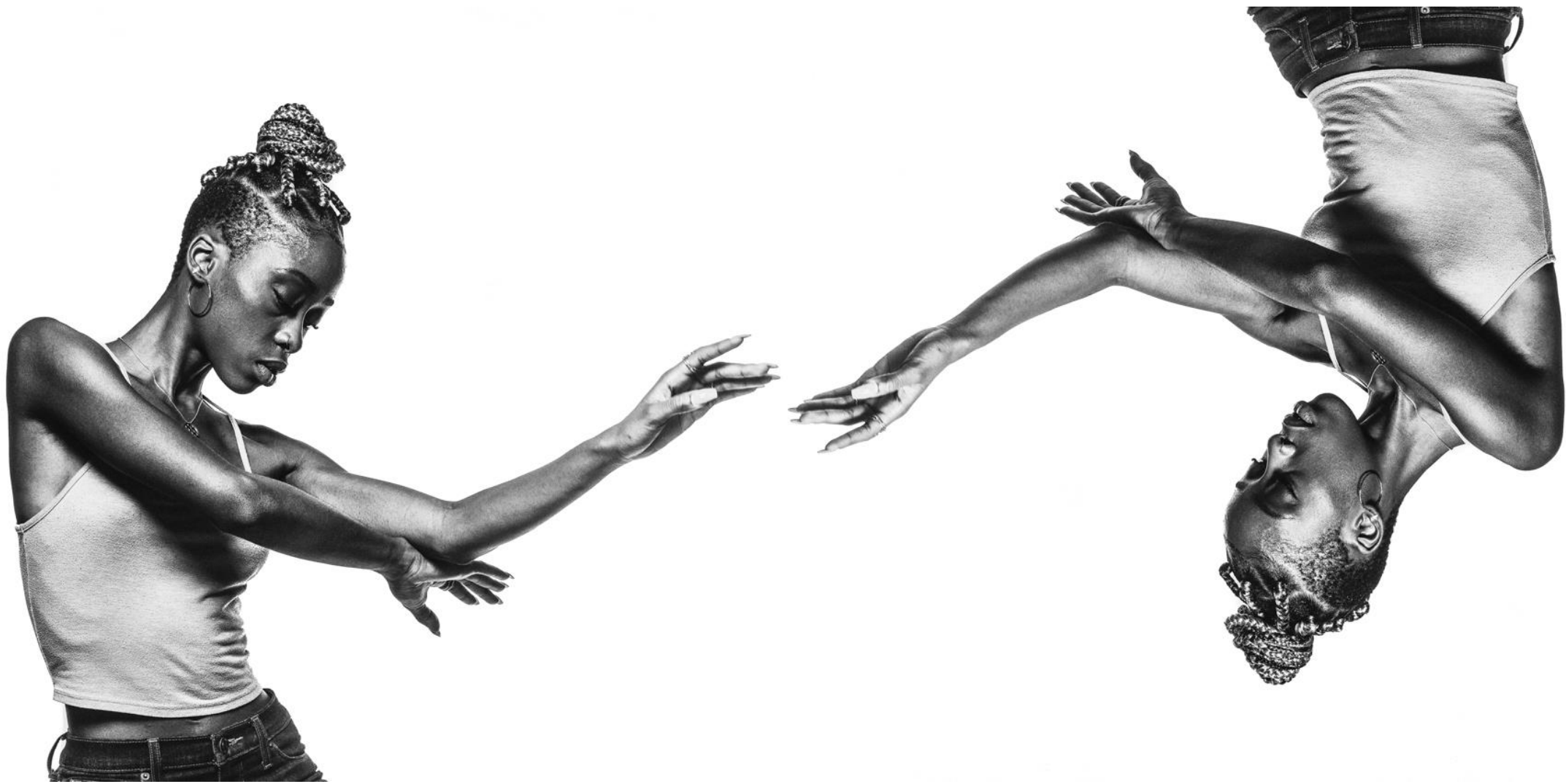
Jeremy Ives

Washington, D.C.

Jeremy is a Washington, D.C. based photographer who has been shooting for Gittings since 2022. Jeremy's work demonstrates a dynamic and clear sense of style.

When describing the images, Judge Dion Algeri said, *"Ideally photography is a laboratory of experimentation and these images push beyond the day-to-day."*

Connect and follow Jeremy here: <https://jiveshot.com/>



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Michael Taylor

Houston, Texas

Michael is a Houston, Texas based photographer who has been shooting for Gittings for the past year, but that does not reflect his decades of incredible success as a portrait photographer. We are grateful to have Michael join our network.

When describing the images, Judge Gail Tang said, “*The images make normal people look amazing and elevate the ordinary to the extraordinary.*”

Connect and follow Michael at:
<https://www.sigmontaylor.com/>



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Stewart Tilger

Seattle, Washington

Stewart is a Seattle, Washington based photographer who has been shooting for Gittings for over a decade. His work is direct with unmistakable sincerity.

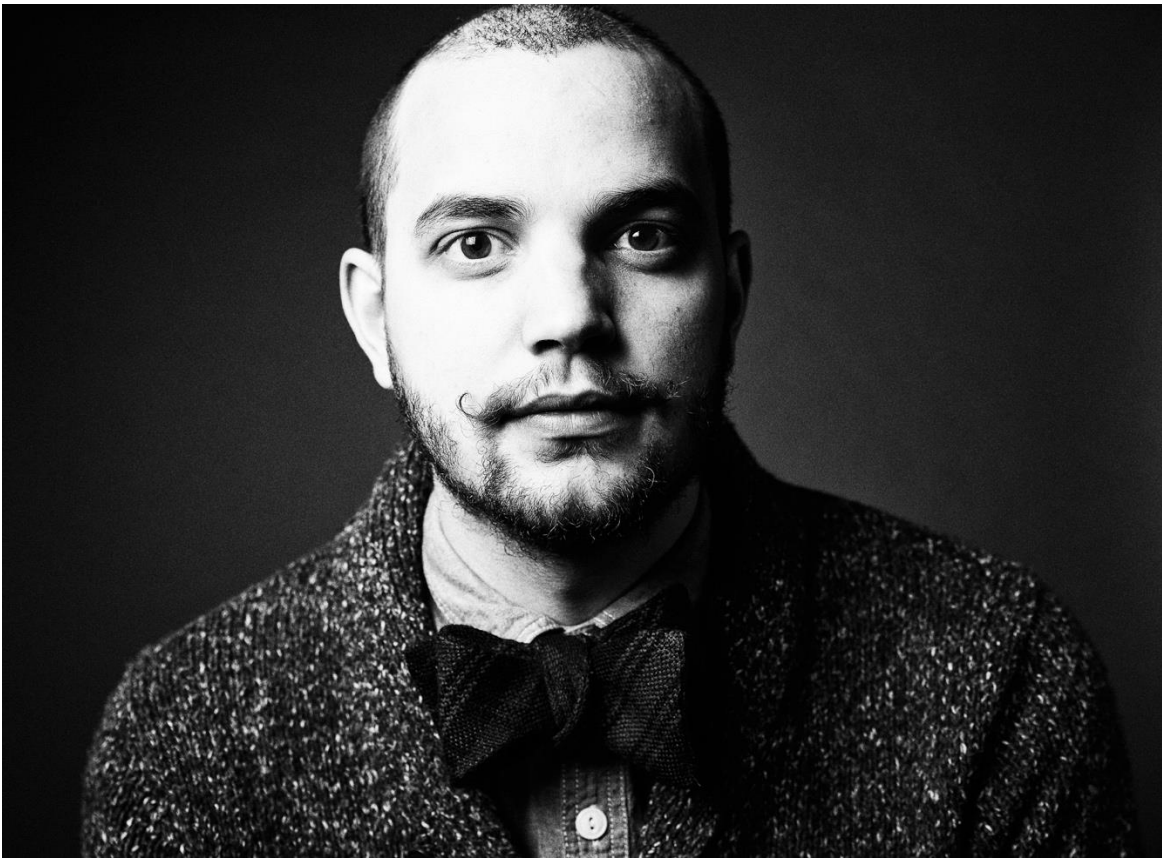
When describing the images, Judge Deborah McMurray said, *“These images illustrate what is possible when photographers make a real connection with the subject.”*

Connect and follow Stewart here:

<https://www.stewarttilger.com/>









2025 CREATIVE LEADER COMPETITION

The 2025 Creative Leader competition will launch next week and will be announced in the Unfiltered Newsletter sent to all Gittings photographers.

Because People Matter, brings together the work of Gittings Global photographers around the world, exploring the many ways communities define themselves. Spanning subjects as diverse as family, work, hobbies, and cultural traditions, this competition seeks to reveal how personal connections shape our lives.

Photographers are encouraged to use both literal and conceptual interpretations of "Because People Matter" to highlight the bonds that unite us across geography, history, and experience. From intimate gatherings to global movements, the photographs in this series aim to celebrate the enduring power of human connection.

BECAUSE PEOPLE MATTER

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Creative Leader Program is an annual juried competition inviting all Gittings Global photographers to explore visual expression and define a distinct visual aesthetic. This competition seeks diverse interpretations of portraiture, encouraging participants to transcend conventional norms and embrace individual creative vision.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Application-based opportunity open to Gittings Global photographers
- Photographer must have a bio on the Gittings Global website (<https://gittingsglobal.com/photographers/>)
- Portfolio submission of 6-10 images
- Portraits must be a body of work with a cohesive visual style
- Portraits must demonstrate a unique visual aesthetic
- The creative style is unlimited, photographers are encouraged to use both literal and conceptual interpretations of "Because People Matter"

PRIZES

- Three photographers will be awarded Creative Leaders titles each year
- Creative Leaders will receive \$1000 Grants
- Creative Leader designation on the Gittings Global website
- Promoted on social media with samples of the winning images
- An additional monetary bonus is available if a Gittings Global client identifies your style as inspiration for their company portraits

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submissions can include stills or video formats
- Submissions can be independent projects or part of a creative collaboration
- Entries will be juried by a panel of six industry experts

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for submissions: October 22, 2025 (Midnight US Central Time)

Notification: December 3, 2025

JUDGES

Entries will be juried by a panel of six industry experts:

- Greg Lorfin – Gittings Global CEO
- Sam Schultze - Gittings Global COO
- Phil Adams - Gittings Global UK Head of Photography
- Guest reviewer – TBD
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