

DOMINIC CHAVEZ PHOTOGRAPHER

ARTIST STATEMENT

Photography has taken me to many places over the years; my first steps as an artist were focused on developing the craft, learning to see, feel and understand the foundation of light, composition and the magic moments that define and give pictures an infinite life. I have found that the most powerful images consist of the rich details that emerge from the human experience: images that breathe with emotions and are still carefully crafted.

“As a photographer, I feel a responsibility to create my work with respect, concern, and the understanding that pictures are the middle voice in creating dialogue.”

BIO

Dominic Chavez' photographic career began at age 19 at The Denver Post where he freely explored and interweaved creative vision, personal documentary and photojournalism. Six years later, The Boston Globe brought him east, where he worked until the summer of 2008.

From 2006–2011 he has produced seven books: *Go to the People* with Management Sciences for Health, *Well Being* with Johns Hopkins University, *From the Ground Up* with the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, *Airborne* with the World Health Organization, *A Line Drawn in the Sand* with Harvard University, *Passion Beyond Normal* with CGIAR and AIDS in Nigeria with Harvard University.

Dominic received a Kaiser Family Foundation Media Fellowship in 2007-2008. He has been recognized with many awards. In 2004 he won First Place International in Pictures of the Year International for his work during the Iraq War. Also in 2004, Dominic received the Media Excellence Award by the Global Health Council for his work on the AIDS crisis in Africa. In 2000 he was awarded Photographer of the Year, from the Boston Press Photographers Association for his work in Afghanistan, Angola and Colombia.

His photographs speak most eloquently of his passion and his vision capturing the most vulnerable moments of humanity.

Dominic lives in Chelsea, Massachusetts, with his loving wife and a small collection of bonsai trees.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Freelance photographer – Boston (Present)

- Aspen Institute and Global Leaders Council for Reproductive Health – London and United States 2011
- Management Sciences for Health - Afghanistan, South Sudan, Malawi, Ethiopia, Haiti 2011
- Aspen Institute and Synergos Institute, Maternal and Infant Health Crisis – Senegal, Sierra Leone, Namibia, Mali (2009–2010)
- Johns Hopkins University, Health in Tribal Communities – United States (2009–2010)
- World Health Organization, documentary project on MDR-TB – Lesotho, Philippines, Kazakhstan (2008–2009)
- Harvard School of Public Health, AIDS Treatment Crisis in Africa – Nigeria, Senegal, Botswana, Tanzania (2008–2009)
- Kaiser Family Foundation, media fellowship, AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children – Uganda, Malawi, Kenya, Ethiopia (2007–2008)
- CGIAR, Sustainable farming in Africa project – Benin, Nigeria, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi 2008

The Boston Globe, staff photographer – Boston (1997–2008)

- Projects on Global Health (1999–2007)
 - Life Stories, *Outlasting AIDS in Africa*, Zambia and South Africa
 - Africa and It's Children* documentary, Swaziland, Nigeria, and Uganda
 - Crisis and fight against AIDS*, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Senegal, Nigeria
 - The Fight Against Polio, Afghanistan and Angola
- War Coverage: Afghanistan, Angola, Iraq, Pakistan, Eritrea, D.R. Congo and Colombia (1999–2006)
- Travel Stories: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Spain, Perú (1996–2005)

The Denver Post, staff photographer – Denver (1995–1996)

BOOKS

- Go to the People*, Management Sciences for Health 2011
- Well Being*, Johns Hopkins University 2010
- From the Ground Up* (Principal Photographer) Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS Foundation 2010
- Airborne*, World Health Organization 2009
- A Line Drawn in the Sand*, Harvard University Press 2009
- Passion Beyond Normal*, CGIAR 2008
- AIDS in Nigeria*, Harvard University Press 2006

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- Harvard University, AIDS @ 30 -Boston, MA, 2011
- University of Maine Museum of Art Bangor, ME, 2011
- Pacific Health Summit London, UK, 2010
- World Bank Assembly, at the World Bank Washington, DC, 2009
- House of Commons London, UK, 2009
- Harvard University, Center for Government & International Studies Cambridge, MA 2009
- Regis University Denver, Colorado, 2009
- Ministerial Meeting of High MDR-TB/XDR-TB Burden Countries Beijing, China, 2009
- Joaquim Chissano International Conference Centre Maputo, Mozambique, 2008
- International Conference, AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa Dakar, Senegal, 2008

LECTURES

- University of Maine Museum of Art Bangor, ME, 2011
- Boston University Boston, 2011 & 2009
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 2010
- The Art Institute of Boston, at Lesley University Boston, 2010
- The Griffin Museum of Photography Winchester, 2006
- San Francisco State University San Francisco, 2004
- Harvard University Cambridge, 2004

CONTACT :

AWARDS

- 2010
 - Boston Press Photographers Association
 - 1st place Feature Picture Story – Maternal and Infant Health
 - 1st place General News – Sierra Leone
- 2009
 - Boston Press Photographers Association
 - 2nd place Portrait – Malawi
 - 2nd place Feature Picture Story – Aids in Africa
- 2007
 - Kaiser Family Foundation Media Fellow 2007 and 2008
- 2006
 - Boston Press Photographers Association
 - Honorable Mention, News Picture Story – Iraq
 - Honorable Mention, Portrait – Zambia
- 2005
 - Boston Press Photographers Association
 - 2nd place, Portrait – Democratic Republic of Congo
- 2004
 - Photographer of the Year International
 - 1st place, International News Single, Iraq
 - National Press Photographers Association
 - 2nd place, Portrait “Lives Lost,” Senegal
 - 2nd place, Editing Division/Special Section for “Lives Lost”
 - Boston Press Photographers Association
 - 1st place, Portrait, Senegal
 - Global Health Council
 - Media Excellence Award
- 2002
 - Boston Press Photographers Association
 - 1st place, Sports Feature, Boston
- 2001
 - Society of Newspaper Design
 - Award of Excellence, Photojournalism for Angola Series
- 2000
 - Boston Press Photographers Association
 - 1st place, Photographer of the Year
 - 1st place, Portrait, Angola
 - 1st place, General News, Colombia
 - 1st place, Feature Picture Story, Afghanistan and Angola
- WORKSHOPS
 - 2009–2010
 - Maine Media Workshops, *Photographing The Human Condition*, visiting professor
- EDUCATION
 - Metropolitan State College at Denver (1989–1993)

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