

# Heather Protz

Photographer Heather Protz (BFA '89, MFA '91) is a Professor of Photography at the College of Southern Nevada. Joining the department in January 2004, Heather has led the digital revolution in the Commercial Photography Program teaching Digital Darkroom, Digital Photography, Advanced Digital Darkroom, Vision Quest and Big Digital. In addition to teaching, Heather is co-director of The Image Gallery, which specializes in the visual experience of still photography, moving images and experimental imagery.

Heather comes from Ohio. Her photographic background began with silver gelatin printing. From there Xerox and Polaroid became a passion on the way to the digital frontiers of today. Heather believes in the strong tradition of technique; yet great photographs speak -- they speak to the viewer, and this is what drives Heather to create work.

*Everyday I explore the world, my world, looking for or making an image. This exploration drives me. I'm always exploring, shooting, creating something. My interests define my work: television, popular culture, modernism, architecture -- these are places I start when defining my photographic explorations.*

Heather received an Ohio Arts Council individual artist grant in 2001. She has exhibited across the country in numerous group and one-person shows. Heather's most recent one-person show is hanging at the James Hoyle Gallery in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This past year Heather also exhibited at Quiet Places Photography Gallery in Henderson, Nevada, winter 2007. Recent group Shows include

- fotofoto gallery, 3rd Annual Juried Competition, Honorable Mention, Huntington, New York, and
- Foundry's Photography: 2nd Annual, Foundry Art Center, \*Group 4 Award, St. Charles, Missouri



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