

Sam Yesko

Conceptual & Fine Art Photographer/Filmmaker

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Education

Present - 2026 BFA in Photography & Video, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design (PCA&D), Lancaster, PA

Professional Experiences

2024 - Present Photo Monitor/Studio Assistant, PCA&D, Lancaster, PA

Curation

2025 *Internet as Mood*, Co-Curator, PCA&D, Virtual/Lancaster, PA

THIS IS ME: LUX Photo Club Exhibition, Co-Curator, PCA&D, Lancaster, PA

2024 - 2025 *Best in Student and Shorts Category*, Juror, The Red Rose International Film Festival, Lancaster, PA

Film Production

2026 *The Biggest Bitch*, 1st Assistant Camera, Director Allie Bretz

2025 *PUBLIC ACCESS*, 1st Assistant Director and Actor, Director Pumpkin Knauer

Internships & Mentorships

2025 Mentorship with Conceptual & Fine Art Photography Professor Paul Rider, Lancaster, PA

2024 - 2025 Internship with The Red Rose International Film Festival, Ryan Shank, Lancaster, PA

Exhibition Record

Group Exhibitions

2025 *Self-Portrait*, A Photographer's Place, Raleigh, NC

Living Image 2025/2026, The Halide Project, Philadelphia, PA

Internet as Mood, PCA&D, Virtual/Lancaster, PA

Photography & Video Thesis Preview Exhibition, PCA&D, Lancaster, PA

Monochrome: A Black & White Photography Show, The Grotto Community Center, York, PA

Juried Student Exhibition, Midwest Society of Photographic Education (SPE) Conference, Detroit, MI

The Camera Has Its Shyness: 4th Annual Student Show, PL130 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

THIS IS ME: LUX Photo Club Exhibition, PCA&D, Lancaster, PA

Self Portrait, Decode Gallery, Tucson, AZ

2024 *Advanced Photography Exhibition*, PCA&D, Lancaster, PA

Home, PCA&D, Lancaster, PA

Foundation, PCA&D, Lancaster, PA

Cultural Exchange

2023 - Present *Zayed University in Abu Dhabi (ZAYED)/PCA&D Photography Exchange*, Virtual
[*THE FUTURE \(2025\)*](#), [*THE PAST \(2025\)*](#), [*SEARCHING \(2025\)*](#), [*HARMONY \(2025\)*](#), [*CONSTRUCTED REALITY \(2024\)*](#), [*THE UNKNOWN \(2024\)*](#), [*SUSPENDED TIME \(2024\)*](#), [*THE COSMOS & ME \(2023\)*](#),
[*MANIPULATE, REVIVE & REMAKE \(2023\)*](#)

Collections

A Photographer's Place, Raleigh, NC

Publications & Features

2025 [*Open Call #11 – Black and White for Anarchy°3*](#), Submission Instagram Feature, Ephemere.Tokyo

Living Image 2025/2026, Exhibition Catalogue, The Halide Project

[*Living Image 2025/2026*](#), Exhibition Instagram Feature, The Halide Project

[*Location Scouting*](#), Instagram Feature, The Red Rose International Film Festival

The Camera Has Its Shyness: 4th Annual Student Show, Exhibition Catalogue, PL130 Gallery

[*Art of the Day: We ❤️ Sam Yesko*](#), Website Instagram Feature, OtherPeoplesPixels

[*Self Portrait*](#), Exhibition Instagram Feature, Decode Gallery

Organizations

2025 - Present [Member of the Society of Photographic Education \(SPE\)](#), Mid-Atlantic Chapter, MD/PA

2025 - Present [Member of the Washington County Arts Council](#), Washington County MD, Hagerstown, MD

Awards & Grants

2022 - 2026 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design’s Trustee Scholarship

 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design’s Institutional Grant

2023 & 2025 Pennsylvania College of Art & Designs’s Dean’s List Recipient,
Fall of 2023, Spring of 2025, Fall of 2025

2022 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design’s Portfolio Scholarship Award