



# Phil Bekker

Design, Balance and Harmony

**P**hil Bekker was born and raised in the British colony of Rhodesia, now known as Zimbabwe. He studied commercial photography in both South Africa (four years at the Durban Institute of Technology and one year at The London College of Printing). In South Africa, he was personally commissioned by Pierre Cardin to produce imagery for a fashion brochure. After immigrating to the United States in 1986, he completed his MFA at the Vermont College of Fine Art.

During a 31-year academic career, he lectured and spent five years as Department Chair and wrote the first BFA in Photography program for the EDMC group. His students were featured in countless Graphis New Talent annuals, winning many and often achieving the most awards in countless annuals. Phil's personal work has appeared in 24 separate Graphis publications, including Graphis Photo, Poster, Nudes, Selections and cover quotes and editorials in New Talent annuals.

Widely published and exhibited, Phil Bekker now concentrates on both commercial and fine-art work. He has his work in many national and international collections, including Polaroid International Collection, Saks Fifth Avenue, Hyatt Group Paris and UPS consulting, to name a few.



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