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- Photographers are responsible for what they include within the four corners of the frame and when they press the shutter. Composition is the art of visual decision-making—each choice shapes the final image.

# Easy to Read

- A successful composition is easy to read. An easy-to-read photograph doesn't mean it lacks mystery or depth; rather, it excludes distractions that might confuse the viewer. A strong composition guides the eye effortlessly, allowing the story or feeling behind the image to be absorbed without unnecessary clutter.

# Key Aspects of Readability

- Clarity in framing
- Removal of distractions
- Focusing on the subject



# Visual Harmony

- Like music, a successful photographic composition displays a sense of visual harmony. At the right moment, all elements within the frame align, and the photographer presses the shutter to capture that fleeting sense of order.

# The Role of the Photographer

- Recognizing the perfect moment
- Understanding how spontaneous elements align
- Creating order from chaos



# Strong Form

- A photograph with strong form is pleasing to look at. Form is the backbone of a well-composed photograph, guiding the viewer's eye and creating balance within the frame.

# Elements of Strong Form

- Attention to lines and shapes
- Use of geometry to balance the frame
- Blending these aspects to create a cohesive composition



# Bringing It All Together

- A successful composition is easy to read, has visual harmony, and strong form. Photography is about visual problem-solving—positioning, timing, and framing all come together to create a complete image.

# Final Thought

- Making a composition is like solving a puzzle. You decide where to position yourself and the camera so that all of the pieces become whole.

