

**Irvine Photography Artist Nick Carver
February's Featured Artist at
Artist Eye Laguna Gallery**

- Artist Reception 6-9 p.m. Saturday, February 11, 2012 -

Laguna Beach, and Irvine, Calif., February 1, 2012. Artist Eye Laguna Gallery will feature the work of Irvine photography artist, Nick Carver, for the month of February. The gallery will host an artist reception from 6 – 9 p.m. on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

Nick Carver was introduced to photography at the age of twelve. He enrolled in an elective class at middle school where he picked up his first 35mm all-manual film camera and began his path toward becoming a professional photographer. Since then, all of his training in photography has come entirely through personal study and experimentation with both film and digital mediums.

Carver's philosophy behind capturing a photo was shaped largely by his roots in color transparency film. He started with film photography, dedicating six years to it before converting to digital. He was trained to get the image right in-camera and at the moment he clicked the shutter — a mentality that has stayed with him into the digital realm. Mr. Carver uses his skills to master the camera and artful use of filters and precise composition, and does not manipulate or alter photos beyond what he could have done with a single piece of transparency film.

Mr. Carver said, "Photography is more than just a medium for documenting the world in front of me. It is an art form where I'm free to convey a message for which words simply would not suffice. My camera and lens allow me to communicate to others the wonderment that the landscape instills in me when I am faced with the breathtaking scenery of our natural world. I strive to capture the landscape in such a way that my photos will impart my own appreciation for the environment and remind the viewer of the beauty that could be lost forever if we, as a whole, don't take responsibility for our planet."

About Artist Eye Laguna Gallery

Artist Eye Laguna Gallery is a cooperative venture featuring the works of 16 award-winning Southern California artists. The gallery exhibits a variety of original artwork including fine art paintings in watercolor, oil, acrylic and mixed media, as well as photography and sculpture. We are prominently located at Cress Street and PCH in the HIP District, a shopping, dining and artistic area on Pacific Coast Highway between Thalia Street and Blue Bird Canyon in Laguna Beach. Come meet and mingle with all our artists during First Thursdays Art Walk from 6 to 9 p.m. the first Thursday of every month.

Artist Eye Laguna Gallery is located at 1294-A So. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. Phone: (949) 497-5898. Gallery Hours: Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m., Monday thru Thursday, 1 - 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please visit our website at www.artisteyelagunagallery.com.

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