

DAVID HUMPHREYS'

A WONDERFUL LIFE

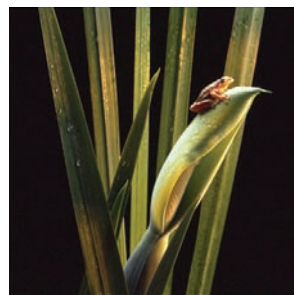
IN PHOTOGRAPHY

My career as a photographer can be traced back thirty years to its beginnings in the living room of a small apartment in Spanish Town. After working in many different jobs, I finally found my passion. Photography has catapulted me on a lifetime of exploration and creativity. I am so lucky to have found a wonderful way to make a living.

I became interested in photography first as a hobby. I studied fine art and graphic design at LSU, and took the few photo courses that were available at that time. I wanted to learn more about the art of photography and couldn't afford to go off to school, so I started buying one book at a time in the Time-Life series on photography. This turned out to be a wonderful way to learn my profession.

Recently, I became involved with Phase One, a digital camera back manufacturer located in Copenhagen, Denmark. I use Phase One digital backs in my business because of the quality they afford me. After submitting some of my images to them, I was asked to participate in an upcoming portfolio of food photography promoting the equipment Phase One produces. Hundreds of photographers submit work for reproduction with Phase One and I was happy to find out that I was selected as only one of only three photographers in the world to participate in their food portfolio. The portfolio is produced in an oversized glossy print format and shipped all over the world to prospective clients of Phase One. The two other photographers participating in the portfolio were from New York and South Africa.

Many of the images had to be recreated using the new Phase One Digital Back. The original images were shot prior to the new technology Phase One afforded. Weeks were spent painstakingly recreating the images. My work is all about emotion and excitement. I want to bring a different perspective to food or anything I shoot. I believe that we are inundated with



imagery and so much of it has been diluted. I want to make sure that my audience is touched in some way by what I create.

Although my career has taken me around the world, I find some of the most rewarding jobs have been for local clients. I have had the privilege of working for Community Coffee, Piccadilly Restaurants, Raising Canes, Louisiana Fish Fry, Tony Chachere's, Ralph and Kacoo's, Walk-On's, Brubacher's, etc. As a generalist, I photograph just about anything. I might be photographing jewelry in the morning and fashion in the

afternoon. I never get bored because I am always doing something different. Of course food photography has become one of my favorite subjects, and Louisiana has some of the best food in the world. I couldn't ask for a better place to live.

In a category by itself, one would have to be my wonderful friendship and working relationship with Holly Clegg. Over the last 10 or 15 years, I have produced the photography for all of her cookbooks. This has been an incredible experience and I always look forward to the next project and opportunity to work with Holly.

Looking forward, I can only hope that I have the opportunity to create images that touch people. There is nothing more important to me. I was twenty-seven years old when I found my life's work. At fifty-seven I can only see a bright future for myself. I am pretty sure that I will never retire. Why would you want to retire from something you love?

David Humphreys has photographed the bauxite mines of Jamaica for Alcoa Aluminum, the food and accommodations of Las Vegas for American Express Travel and Leisure. He has photographed the drinks of Puerto Rico and has worked for numerous publications around the world.

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David Humphreys has over 30 years of experience shooting virtually everything from people, fashion, product to jewelry, food, and fine art. He calls Baton Rouge his home and his work can be seen at www.DavidHumphreysPhoto.com.