

Painting With Light

For this assignment you will turn in 4 different photos taken using the light painting technique. You will also turn in a contact sheet showing that you took at least 24 photos for this assignment.

Equipment needed:

- Camera
- Tripod
- Lights
- Cable Release (optional)

Camera Settings:

- Mode Dial: M
- ISO: 100
- F/stop: f/11
- Shutter Speed: 4" to Bulb

Photo #1

For this photo, take a light painting photo with a shutter speed of 4 to 8 seconds. Keep this photo simple as you won't have a lot of time. Your light painting should be flat, meaning the light should not move closer to or farther away from the camera.

Sample Photos:





Photo #2

For this photo, take a light painting photo with a shutter speed of 15 seconds. In this photo the light should create depth. Do this by moving the light toward or away from the camera.

Sample Photos:





Photo #3

For this photo take a light painting photo with a shutter speed of 30". You must include a person in this photo and the person should be interacting with the light in some way.

Sample Photos:





Photo #4

Final creative photo of your choice. For this photo, you might want to set your shutter speed to bulb and take a photo with an exposure longer than 1 minute. If you have a cable release, use that, but if not, find someone who can gently (so that they don't shake the camera) hold the shutter release down the entire time. Get creative with this one and see what you can create. Experiment with different colours (christmas lights at home? App on your phone to make the screen different colours? glow sticks?)

Sample Photos:



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