



The Dancer

11 x 14 inches
Silver gelatin print



Carena

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Tyson Banks

Bio

Tyson Banks is an award-winning film photographer based in NWA. He practices traditional darkroom techniques, developing his own film and making silver gelatin prints by hand. His ability to create a safe and secure container allows his subjects to fully relax and open up. This is seen in the raw vulnerability and openness of his portraits, which is a trademark of his ongoing *Portraits of Intimacy* project.

Artist Statement

Film forces me to slow down and be very present during all aspects of the process. Shooting medium format gives me 10 shots per roll of film, and I try to make every frame count. Since you don't really know what you have 'till you develop the film, you have to trust your instinct that you got the shot. I love the hands-on aspect of shooting film and making prints in the darkroom. In an age of AI generated art, I'm making images without the use of a computer or anything digital. While I strive for technical excellence, the final piece is often perfectly imperfect. I can't Photoshop blemishes off skin or fix dust spots on my prints, and yet, the final image is still precious and valuable.