



The 40 Acres Art Gallery Presents —

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For the past twenty years, Tom has been the senior piano instructor at Sacramento's Pease Conservatory of Music, where he has taught and mentored many students in the art of classical music. His recently released compact disc, *Impressions*, is a compilation of his own creative musical scores. Visual art has always intrigued him, however (he received a BA in music from California State University, Sacramento, with a minor in Art History). As a teen he was taught how to photograph by his father, but it was not until last year that he again took up the camera.

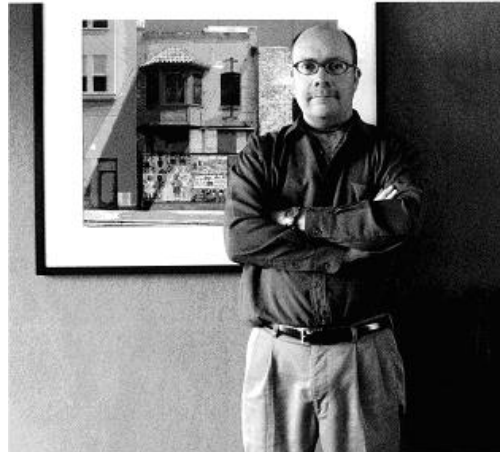
Using digital photography, Tom set out to capture the variously changing splendors and decay evident in the downtown and urban areas of Sacramento. His photographs illuminate, even beautify, the buildings, shops, restaurants and signs that tend not to be noticed --- that fade into the urban background of daily living.

The richly toned images are evocative of the pure, sparsely populated cityscapes of painters Charles Sheeler and Edward Hopper. Tom considers his major artistic influences the photo-realist paintings of Richard Estes, the cartoon illustrations of Chester Gould (*Dick Tracy*), the Russian novels of Vladimir Nabokov and the lyrical music of French composer Francis Poulenc.

The Guild Gallery is dedicated to celebrating the rich multi-cultural heritage existing in Sacramento's community of Oak Park, and seeks to promote, exhibit and collect art that is a reflection of this diversity. The Guild

Gallery is integrated within a larger entity, the 23,000 square foot multi-use complex, 40 Acres Art Gallery and Cultural Center. Located in the heart of Oak Park's historic business district, the 40 Acres Art Gallery and Cultural Center is a non-profit arts organization that seeks to present visual art, music, literature, film and theater for Sacramento's inner-city community of Oak Park. 40 Acres aims to turn prominent historic Oak Park structures into a commercially viable destination place where people can experience the arts, shop, dine, and live in a stimulating cultural environment.

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The artist in front of one of his creations