

## David Talento - LoFi Photography



### Artist's Statement:

Ironic. I'm not a photographer and I don't use cameras. My artistic background is primarily in making music using outdated analog synthesizers and weird instruments. Years ago in my pursuit of older technology I discovered a cartridge for the original Nintendo Gameboy which took grainy black and white images. I was smitten. Finally, a visual tool that paralleled my excursions with toy instruments and sound.

I started taking pictures with the Gameboy and discovered it had a curious sophistication to it. You could adjust contrast and light settings and use "trick lenses". It even had a built in electronic music section with an Atari-esque programable synthesizer. I started to concentrate on the composition of the shots as much as the tool itself. LoFi photography was born.

**low:** falling short of some standard. not advanced in complexity, development, or elaboration.

**fi-del-ity:** the degree to which an electronic device (as a record player, radio, or television) accurately reproduces its effect (as sound or picture).

LoFi Photography parallels LoFi music, namely using unusual or "non professional" tools to get the job done without concern for polish or sophistication. It is raw, immediate, and honest.

I've added other "cameras" as I've found them: A wrist watch made by Casio which takes it's own version of grainy black and white images. This is perfect for Voyeuristic images which allowed me to experiment with composition in places like museums, concerts, bars, etc. I moved onto color images with one of the first generations of digital cameras created for an older Palm Pilot. This item does strange things with light and I discovered a way to mimic time lapse by taking advantage of the lens creating distortions and other effects in real time.

Over the years I've learned to play with these toys. At some point or another all of them have surprised me. They are organic and full of personality. I'm glad we met.

In conclusion remember: Less is More. Limitations create Freedom. LoFi is high quality. Enjoy all of it.

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