

Fashion Photographers:

- **Richard Avedon (1923-2004)** - Iconic fashion and portrait photographer known for his work in Harper's Bazaar and Vogue.
- **Irving Penn (1917-2009)** - Renowned for his innovative and meticulous approach to fashion photography.
- **Annie Leibovitz** - Acclaimed portrait photographer who has also made significant contributions to fashion photography.
- **Peter Lindbergh** - German photographer who photographs supermodels
- **Mario Testino** - fashion and portrait photographer who has photographed many supermodels for Vogue
- **Barry Feinstein (1931-2011)** - iconic photographs of 1960s rock and folk musicians, including Bob Dylan and George Harrison
- **Eve Arnold** - candid portraits of celebrities like Marilyn Monroe, social and political issues, including civil rights and women's rights.
- **David Bailey** - British fashion and portrait photographer famous for his work in the 1960s, capturing striking and stylish images of celebrities, models, and cultural icons

Portraiture Photographers:

- **Diane Arbus (1923-1971)** - Known for her unconventional and often controversial portraits of marginalized individuals.
- **Yousuf Karsh (1908-2002)** - Master portrait photographer, famous for capturing iconic figures of the 20th century.
- **Platon Antoniou (Platon)** - Contemporary portrait photographer, known for capturing political and cultural figures.
- **Steve McCurry** - travel photographer who has captured incredible photos of people all around the world.
- **Sue Bryce** - portrait photographer who has taught thousands and is the queen of posing
- **Lindsey Adler** - fashion photographer who specializes in portraiture and creative use of lighting and makeup.
- **Anne Geddes** - entirely changed the portrait industry with her photos of babies
- **Brandon Stanton/Humans of New York** - creator of *Humans of New York*, a popular social media project that features street portraits and personal stories of everyday people
- **Arnold Newman (1918–2006)** was renowned for his environmental portraits, capturing famous figures in cool settings

Street Photographers:

- **Andre Wagner** - New York street photographer who investigates the American landscape.
- **Vivian Maier (1926-2009)**: New York street photographer whose huge body of work wasn't discovered till after she died.

- **LaToya Ruby Frazier**: Visual artist working in photography, video and performance to address industrialism, communal history and healthcare inequality.
- **Manuel Alvarez Bravo** - Mexican street photographer
- **Robert Frank**- raw and unvarnished view of American life in the 1950s, challenging traditional notions of photography with his candid and often gritty style.
- **Joel Meyerowitz** - spontaneous moments on the streets, and his later work documenting the aftermath of 9/11 at Ground Zero

Skateboarding Photographers:

- **J. Grant Brittain** - celebrated for his iconic images that documented the rise of skate culture in the 1980s and 1990s
- **C. R. Stecyk III**- early skateboarding and surf scenes in Southern California, particularly through his work with the *Dogtown* crew
- **Skin Phillips**- legendary British skateboarding photographer, recognized for his decades-long work capturing skateboarding's evolution, both in Europe and the U.S
- **Ed Templeton**- professional skateboarder, artist, and photographer known for his raw and personal street photography that often explores youth culture, skateboarding, and suburban life

Landscape Photographers:

- **Ansel Adams- (1902-1984)** Master of black-and-white landscape photography, especially in the American West. (this would require you to travel to Yosemite.)
- **Michael Kenna** - Known for his minimalist and ethereal black-and-white landscape images.
- **Edward Burtynsky** - Focuses on industrial landscapes and environmental impact in his photography.
- **Charlie Waite** - British landscape photographer known for tranquil and evocative compositions.

Surf Photographers:

- **Clark Little** - Captures breathtaking shorebreak waves and surf culture.
- **Brian Biemann** - Renowned surf photographer, capturing powerful and dramatic surf scenes.
- **John Severson (1933-2017)** - Founder of Surfer Magazine and a pioneering surf photographer.
- **Aaron Chang**: OC photographer who captures epic waves and surf culture.

Sports Photographers:

- **Walter Iooss Jr.** - Iconic sports photographer known for his work with Sports Illustrated.

- **Neil Leifer** - Captured some of the most iconic sports moments, including Muhammad Ali.
- **Bob Martin** - Dynamic and creative sports photographer covering various disciplines.
- **Al Bello** - Getty Images photographer known for dynamic and powerful sports images.
- Andrew Bernstein
- Charles Conlon

Historical Photographers:

- **Mathew Brady (1822-1896)** - Famed for his Civil War photography, documenting the American Civil War.
- **Lewis Hine (1874-1940)** - Social reformer and photographer, documented child labor in the early 20th century.
- **Dorothea Lange (1895-1965)** - Documented the Great Depression and Japanese internment during World War II.
- **Robert Capa (1913-1954)** - War and adventure photographer.
- **Gordon Parks - (1912-2006)** - Photojournalist of African American poverty and the Civil Rights movement.
- **James Van Der Zee (1886-1983)** - American photographer best known for his portraits of black New Yorkers in Harlem.
- **Julia Margaret Cameron**- pioneering British photographer known for her soft-focus portraits and allegorical images, capturing Victorian-era figures and scenes with a distinctive, dreamy aesthetic

Fine Art Photographers:

- **Edward Weston (1886-1958)**-Modernist photographer known for his emphasis on form and composition.
- **Cindy Sherman** - Conceptual artist known for her elaborate self-portraits that challenge gender roles and identity.
- **Brook Shaden** - Conceptual portrait artist who combines images to create surreal photos and illustrates mental health. Lots of Photoshop required.
- **Jerry Uelsmann (1934-2022)** - Surrealist photographer who created composite images in the darkroom. Lots of Photoshop required.
- **William Wegman** - Fine art photographer who takes fantastical images of his dogs.
- **Barbara Krueger** - Fine art photographer who makes political statements through her collages & bold imagery
- **Carrie Mae Weems** - Photographer who delves into pressing contemporary issues related to race, gender, identity, and political violence.
- **William Eggleston** - American photographer who travels across the west capturing images that are iconic and very 1970's.

- **David LaChapelle** - American photographer and director known for his surreal, vibrant, and highly stylized images that blend pop culture, celebrity, and art with a distinctive, often provocative visual flair.

Food Photographers:

- **David Loftus** - Renowned for his collaboration with chef Jamie Oliver, Loftus has captured delicious and enticing food imagery.
- **Andrew Scirvani** - famous food photographer who has loads of tutorials on YouTube that will help you capture food.
- **Penny De los Santos** - National Geographic food photographer who is from Los Angeles, and has photographed internationally.

Concert or Musical Photographers:

- **Jim Marshall (1936-2010)** - Renowned for his iconic images of rock and roll legends, including Jimi Hendrix & The Beatles.
- **Baron Wolman** - Lead photographer for Rolling Stone magazine, Wolman captured the 1960s & 1970s music scene.
- **Neil Preston** - A prolific rock photographer who has worked with many legendary bands and artists, such as Led Zeppelin & Queen.
- **EBet Roberts (1940-2015)** - Documented the punk and new wave music scenes in New York City during the late 1970s and 1980s.
- **Lynn Goldsmith**: photographed many rock band portraits over the years of her career.