Pumpkin Heads & Eerie Ghosts

Creating Atmosphere in Photos

First you need a tripod. Next you need to figure out your settings. I shot these in manual, but shutter priority mode would work great also.

What I'm most concerned about with my settings is that I have a shutter speed of around 15 seconds. Because of that, you are going to want to try this with low ambient light.

With such a slow shutter speed, my aperture is usually quite narrow, typically f/8 or above . My ISO is often set very low also. I then take some test shots without my subject to make sure my exposure looks good.

For these shots, I do not expose to the right and I'm okay if I have a slightly darker exposure since I want my overall look to be dark. I will then have my subject stand where I want them in the frame, grab focus and then switch my focus to manual.

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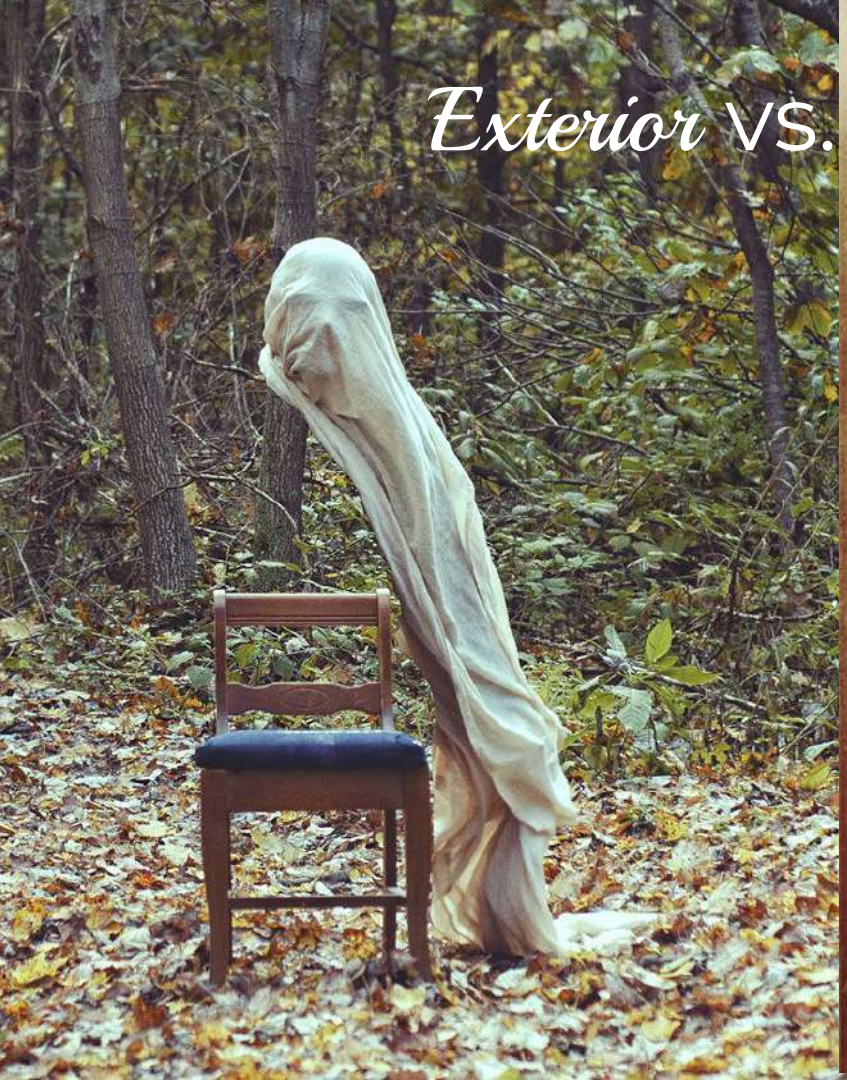
Setting / Location

Consider the place/area you shoot. *Where* you shoot impacts the atmosphere. A building exterior/interior or being out in nature will look and feel different - these settings change the mood someone feels while viewing your images.

It can be helpful to think of the mood you want someone to feel first (claustrophobic/confused/scared) and work backwards from there.

Exterior vs. Interior Settings



Lighting

Consider the lighting.

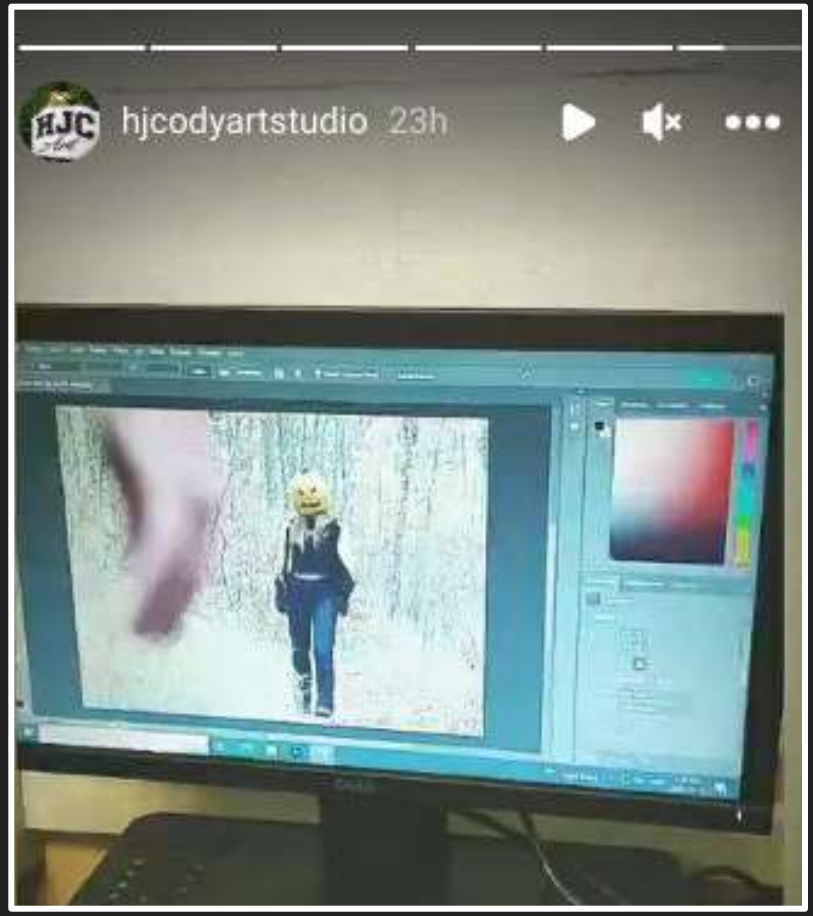
Natural or *artificial* lighting can impact your atmosphere.

Subject

Consider WHO will be the focus and *how many* people will be subjects

Framing & Composition

Consider your framing - *where* you place your subject in the composition (top, right, center, edge) can affect your atmosphere as well.



Assessment

How will I know I achieved success? What distinguishes a 3 - meeting expectations, from a 4 - above expectations?

	4 - Excelling	3 - Proficient	2 - Developing	1 - Limited
Atmosphere & Mood Achieved - Subject/Photographer Intent				
Technical Understanding & Lighting				
Composition & framing				
Editing Process & meta data.				
Weebly website presentation/professionalism/ time management				
TOTAL /16				