

# JAMES LOOKER PHOTOGRAPHY

CV April 2011

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## James Looker

Born 1984 in Victoria Australia

Resides between Melbourne, Australia and Vancouver, Canada

## Biography:

~ The most profound beauty is simple reality seen with the eyes of those who recognise it's character ~

James is a self taught photographer, born and raised on the south coast of Australia. With no formal training, he draws inspiration from the world around him, using a variety of techniques to create and capture images. Travel is his greatest passion as is exploring all forms of life and structure. He uses a combination of digital and film-based cameras mostly with natural light, focusing on capturing the moment rather than setting up the "perfect" image. Imperfection, in his eye is everything that makes a character or image original and unique.

His greatest accomplishment to date is his self-published limited edition 70-page photo-journal of life on the road with roots musician, Xavier Rudd, documenting the sights on the road as well a close intimate view of recording, touring and playing music. James has exhibited in Australia and featured in various magazines and publications worldwide. His creative expression knows no limitation, and often spills over into motion video and music production. James' passion for photography and image is ever-expanding as are his abilities to document moments in life. He continues to work freelance on various projects around the world, traveling to photograph and photographing to inspire.

## Artist Statement:

"And it's never the perfect image I expect to find when processing my film, it's the unexpected moments that both catch my eye and inspire me. I simply love to capture life."

## Summary:

2011-present Travel worldwide as freelance photographer for commissioned, artistic and personal purposes.

2002-2010 Travel worldwide with various musicians/artists for Production/Photographical purposes.

1997-2002 Completed VCE/High School at Geelong High School, Victoria, Australia

## Exhibitions:

2010 Group Exhibition, *Reality Vs Illusion*,  
Gaffa Gallery, Sydney CBD, NSW, Australia

2009 Group Exhibition, *Revolution Of Art*,  
Retrospect Galleries, Byron Bay. NSW. Australia

2009 Solo Exhibition, *Xavier Rudd Intimate Portrait & Travel Journal*,  
Retrospect Galleries, Byron Bay, NSW. Australia

2009 Group Exhibition, *Wooden Toy Issue 6 Exhibition*,  
Gorker Gallery, Fitzroy Melbourne, Australia.

2008 Solo Exhibition, *Travel & Trees Collection*,  
Robinson & Gray Exhibit Space, Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

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2007 Solo Exhibition, *Various works*,  
Various Melbourne Cafes, Australia

2007 Solo Exhibition, *Travel & Life on the road with Xavier Rudd*,  
Wooden Shadow Gallery, Richmond, Victoria, Australia.

## Publications:

2007 – James Looker Photography - Xavier Rudd Photo-journal  
A limited edition 70 page Photo-journal of life on the road with Xavier Rudd.

2009 – In-Retrospect – Feature Art Book. Retrospect Galleries Australia

## Professional Development:

### Magazine Work:

2009 – **Desktop Create Magazine**, Australia: Feature article.

2009 – **Wooden Toy Magazine**, Australia: Feature articles, interviews, various images.

2008 – **Pollstar Music USA**: Feature article

2007 – **Rolling Stone Australia**, single page article

2007 – **Slack Magazine Holland**: Feature article

2004-2008 – various surfing, music, art magazines and newspapers

2006-2008 – various photographic work for Universal Records Canada, multiple artists.

### Record Work:

2009 – **Xavier Rudd** – *Koonyum Sun*: Album Photography

2009 – **Nine Mile** – *Country Porno Electric Fireplace*: Album Photography

2009 – **Xavier Rudd** – *Live in Brussels*: Album Photography

2009 – **Ana Miura** - *The Kindness Of Years*: Album Photography

2008 – **Xavier Rudd** – *Dark Shades Of Blue* : Album Photography / Motion Production

2007 – **Xavier Rudd** – *White Moth (gold record)*: Album Photography / Motion Production

2006 – **Xavier Rudd** - *Food In The Belly (gold record)*: Album Photography

2005 – **Xavier Rudd** - *Solace (platinum record)*: Album Photography

2005 – **Xavier Rudd** – *Good Spirit (gold record)*: Album Photography

In addition, various tour posters, promotional images, commercial & wedding photography, product photography and art works produced, replicated and published.

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