# **Dylan Cortez**

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

## Freelance Photographer

Current

San Francisco, CA

- Long-time street photographer experienced with manual film and DSLR cameras
- Photographed engagements and weddings across the Bay Area and Southern California
- Involved in San Francisco and Los Angeles music scenes, photographing bands for promotional use and live performances
- Photographed for a 7-page article in INK Magazine
- · Displayed work in several galleries across California

## **BAGGU**, Technical Assistant / Retoucher / Editor San Francisco, CA

Freelance/Seasonal

- Freelance photo assistant for the <u>BAGGU</u> company since 2014, most recently for their <u>Spring</u> / <u>Summer 2020</u> catalogs
- Assisted the photographer in setting up and testing lighting before the shoots
- Managed file imports by the thousands into Lightroom and then on backup drives
- Made selections and edits alongside the Art Director
- Organized thousands of photographs by various keywords for team accessibility
- Created color presets for each shoot with the photographer
- Manually color-corrected the products affected by the preset, then edited using layering and masking in Photoshop for consistency and color accuracy
- Generated previews of product packaging and labels
- · Removed dust and blemishes for cleaner images

## Serpentine Restaurant & Bar, Maitre d' and Waiter

May 2012 - March 2020

San Francisco, CA

- Managed the front of the house at the most popular restaurants in the Dogpatch district
- Scheduled all reservations and coordinate the floor for maximum capacity, while assisting in all front-of-house services
- Communicated with every customer and maintain superb customer service
- Led preparations for holidays and special events

## **EDUCATION**

## San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Arts

Graduated 2013

San Francisco, CA

- Communication Studies major, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a 3.86 GPA
- Focused on rhetoric and discourse analysis, group work and team building, as well as public speaking with multimedia presentations
- Studied photojournalism and took numerous courses in film print photography (color and black and white) as well as courses in Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom

## SKILLS

**Digital** Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, Capture One 12+20 **Analog** Darkroom 35mm development, b/w and color printing