

# Photographer, provocateur at Miller Gallery

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Shields' edgy, arresting work can capture an explosion of paint or a mouthful of glitter spilling out. / Provided

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Artinfo.com calls celebrity photographer Tyler Shields "Hollywood's Hottest and Most Twisted Photographer."

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The United Kingdom's edition of GQ magazine included him in its 2012 list of "100 Best Things in the World."

LA Weekly wrote, "The mystery behind his relationships and habits captivate the media, not unlike the art world's best-known friend of the famous, Andy Warhol."

And Huffington Post raved, "Tyler is a madman, and one of the most cutting-edge artists around."

## If you go

What: Tyler Shields: Controlled Chaos opening reception.  
When: 7-10 p.m. today. Exhibit runs through Oct. 26.  
Where: Miller Gallery, 2715 Erie Ave., Hyde Park.  
Information: 513-871-4420, [www.millergallery.com](http://www.millergallery.com), [www.fotofocuscincinnati.org](http://www.fotofocuscincinnati.org).

See what the fuss is about as Miller Gallery show cases uber-controversial Shields in its first photography exhibit, Tyler Shields: Controlled Chaos, opening tonight and continuing through Oct. 26.

In signing on to FOTOFOCUS, the region's celebration of photography that continues through the month, "We considered a number of artists," said Rosemary Seidner, Miller Gallery director.

There was no arguing that a two-week Shields exhibit would be an "event" even in the overflowing FOTOFOCUS calendar.

Shields, who is known for shooting Hollywood starlets in provocative poses, began his career by posting his photos on MySpace.

He was an immediate sensation when he collected blood from 20 celebrities for an art piece for a Los Angeles exhibit.

His edgy and arresting work can capture an explosion of paint or a mouthful of glitter spilling out.

It looks like it has been Photoshopped or digitally manipulated, but all the photos employ just a camera, a vivid imagination and sure technique.

The Miller exhibit includes more than 40 works that Seidner calls "a cross-section."

Shields' exhibition schedule includes Moscow, Paris – and Cincinnati?

It turns out that Becca Gleason, daughter of Miller Gallery owners Gary and Laura Miller Gleason, now lives in L.A. and is a friend of Shields.

"He's never been to the Midwest!" Seidner said gleefully.

Shields and his muse Francesca Eastwood will be doing local photo shoots when they come to Cincinnati for the opening.

"It will be a riot," promises Seidner.

Find Shields' work at [www.TylerShields.com](http://www.TylerShields.com) – and keep an eye out for appearances on E!TV reality show "Mrs. Eastwood & Company."

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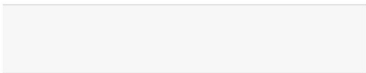


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