



## FotoFocus Exhibition Showcases Music Photography!

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*Photo by Darrin Ballman*

Reverberation: Capturing the Live Music Experience is an exhibition sponsored and coordinated by **FotoFocus**, that opens on September 3rd and will be taking part in the **MidPoint Music Festival** festivities in the most fitting way possible: by honoring the local photographers who capture the live music experience.

CincyMusic.com has a dedicated group of amazing, talented writers and photographers that contribute daily to bring the music to you. We are honored that **TEN** of our photographers have been chosen to showcase their art in the FotoFocus exhibit. I turned the lens around on this talented bunch so we could all get to know them a little bit better. Today, get to know some of the photogs of CincyMusic.com!

## Kelly Painter



### **Kelly Painter** (KP Photography)

Kelly Painter is the Photo Editor for [CincyMusic.com](#). Her **photography career** was inspired at a young age by her sister, Amy and her High School Art Teacher, Mr. Johnson. Her photography career flourished in 2001 when her first professional camera was purchased to travel across country with her father. Kelly has a Bachelor of Arts with a Teacher Certification from NKU. Having photographed just about everything, live music is her favorite to shoot due to the energy, lighting and interesting subjects. She is proud to be surrounded by her team of inspirational photogs in the [CincyMusic.com](#) team. Check out some of Kelly's Photos [here ▶](#).

## Julia Huber



### **Julia Huber** (Jewels Yoga Photography)

**Julia's** love for photography started in the dark ages, when you had to take a picture with film and develop it. She claims to not be blessed with the gift to draw or paint, but is able to be an artist through **photography**, which has always fascinated her. Being a photographer for Cincymusic.com lets Julia combine that with her other love of music, creating the best of both worlds at the same time! When Julia is not shoving a lens in someone's face, she can be found at home shoving her nose in a book. Julia surrounds herself with her awesome husband, the two most beautiful children in the world and a hyperactive Doberman Pinscher named Acheron. Go and give her photography page a "like" [HERE](#). Check out some of Julia's photos [here ▶](#).

## Brian Bruemmer



### **Brian Bruemmer** ([Rubato Photo](#))

When Brian started getting into photography as a hobby in 2006, it seemed only natural that music would be one of his favorite subjects to photograph. In fact, music is the reason he got into photography in the first place. In late 2005, Brian joined a new band and within a few months they were invited to play SXSW Music Festival in Austin, TX in March 2006. Upon planning, packing and rehearsing for the trip it occurred to Brian that he didn't own a camera with which to document the trip. So Brian bought a cheap Sony point-and-shoot and during that trip the seeds of his passion for photography were planted. When he looks back at those photos now, he feels that they're far from fantastic but they bring back memories from one of the most amazing times of his life. Though only playing music sporadically, Brian still gets that same thrill and feels the same passion when behind the camera. That's why he created [Rubato Photo](#), as a vehicle for his two greatest passions. Check out some of Brian's Photos [here](#) ▶ .

## Jamie Bender



### **Jamie Bender**

Jamie Bender is a [Cincinnati-based](#) photographer with a love of capturing great music photos. Jamie's journey with photography began six years ago after buying a simple point and shoot camera for his honeymoon cruise. During that time, photography greatly piqued his interest, and shortly after returning home he purchased his first DSLR. He has been behind

the lens ever since! Jamie is also a musician himself and began playing the drums at the age of eight. He enjoys many different types of music and because of his experience as a musician, has a great eye for music photography. Check out some of Jamie's Photos [here](#).

## Tony Bailey



### **Tony Bailey** ([Tony Bailey Photography](#))

Tony is a freelance photographer and lead photographer for Sophisticated Living Magazine, specializing in society and equestrian events. Tony's early focus was sports photography, spurred on by having two daughters that excelled in a variety of athletic pursuits. His work caught the eye of local studios and newspapers and soon his career was on the fast track. A photo he shot of the newly renovated Cathedral Basilica served as the cover image for a book on the history of the Diocese of Covington published by Editions du Signe and printed in Italy. Known for capturing that "great shot" – the one where the bat meets the ball, the agony of defeat, the ecstasy of victory, or the look in the driver's eyes as he takes the curve at 120 mph, has made Tony a staple at many professional [sporting events and concerts](#) throughout the Tristate, including the Kentucky Derby, the Ryder Cup, the ATP, the Rolex Three-Day Event, professional boxing and NASCAR and Indy cars races. Seeking to broaden his repertoire, Tony began working with Sophisticated Living magazine ten years ago, photographing some of the finest homes and restaurants in Kentucky and Ohio along with capturing the energy and excitement of local charitable events. His work with the magazine has also allowed him to visit some of the finest resorts in the world, bringing the "good life" to readers via his [expressive photography](#). The pinnacle of his travel photography assignments to date was a whirlwind tour of Israel. Sitting on a mountain top in the Judean Desert overlooking the Dead Sea and sipping tea, Tony could not help but reflect on his career and feel that it could not get any better than this. Check out some of Tony's photos [here](#) ▶.

## Phil Dawson



### Phil Dawson ([Route 1 Photos](#))

Phil Dawson was born in the UK, and has lived the last 20 years in Australia. As [route1photos.com](#), Phil photographs Music, Sport & Travel, and as [pubsagainstpoverity.org](#), (a charity he formed in 2005) he aims to raise funds and awareness to battle extreme poverty. The charity projects involve long solo cycle rides, initially across Australia, then Seattle to NYC, Florida to Mexico via Memphis, and so on. The cycle rides also provide a chance to photography and write, and led to a desire to spend more time in America. Music, Sport (Rugby Union), Travel and Photography, were always a big part of Phil's life, and now they all interact. Phil is currently renovating a little house in Covington, the future looks to be split between America, Australia, and Europe. Check out some of Phil's Photos [here](#) ▶.

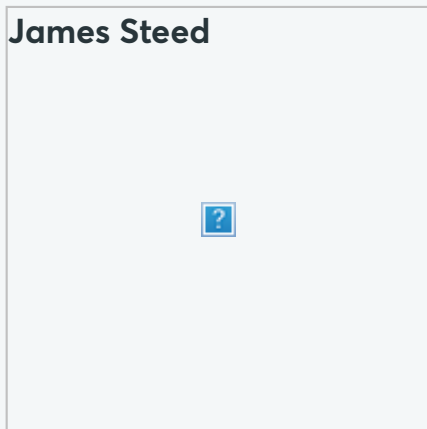
## Jacob Drabik



### Jacob Drabik ([Chromatic Anthem](#))

Guest curator of this year's FotoFocus, *Reverberation: Capturing The Live Music Experience*. Jacob Drabik is a designer and photographer in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jacob graduated from NKU with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. For over a decade, he has managed the editorial and production work for the renown, photographer, Thomas R. Schiff. Mr. Schiff's large scale panoramic photographs have been the subject of many publications, and graced the walls of numerous museums across the country. Jacob has received recognition for both his graphic design and production work. In 2011 he was awarded the Photoshop Guru Award for

Excellence in Photoshop Design in the Photo Restoration Category by the National Association of Photoshop Professionals. Over the last seven years, he has been focusing on his photography work on live music and concert performances. In 2007 he began shooting MidPoint Music Festival for CityBeat Magazine, has worked as a staff photographer for Bunbury Music Festival for the last two years and began working with CincyMusic.com in the Spring of 2013. Jacob Drabik's music photography can be found at ChromaticAnthem.com. Check out some of Jacob's photos [here ▶](#).



### **James Steed** (Reflex Photography)

**James Steed** has been covering the music scene in Cincinnati for only a year but is already beginning to leave his mark. He started his career in the thick of the action putting his camera and himself directly into the heart of the image, covering national paintball events across the Midwest and Great Lakes. James believed that only being in the middle of the fray could he properly capture the action and intensity of his subject. From the line of fire he moved into the world of auto racing shooting for local Sports Car Club of America and National Auto Sports Association groups again putting himself as close to the action as possible. Spending his summer weekends on sweltering tarmac and earth laden tracks he began to understand how to properly capture motion and speed. Though he lacks focus in much of his pursuits his drive to improve his imagery pushed him into other realms. He focuses all his energy on one subject, trying to develop his own style, his own imagery. To further understand the art of photography he pursued the knowledge of local art photographer, Jim Brockman who has been raising professional photographers for decades. Hoping to further his grasp and understanding of photography and capturing the right image he studied under the self-taught artist for a year before moving on to tackle one of his greatest passions, music. Today James can **easily be found** in the middle of the fray standing over the crowd with his signature black fedora trying to capture the world he sees. Check out some of James photos [here ▶](#).

## Sarah McDermott



### **Sarah McDermott** ([Sarah McDermott Photography](#))

Lover of music, puppies, and photography. Sarah has been a freelance photographer for the last 5 years, shooting everything from live music to weddings. Capturing the feel of events is one of her favorite things to do as a photographer. Graduated from Northern Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Arts in Radio/TV Promotions, where Sarah learned everything from old school reel-to-reel audio production to photojournalism and interned at WOXY.com. Check out her photos [HERE](#) and like her [Facebook page](#) for extra cool points. Check out some of Sarah's photos [here](#) ▶ .

## Heather Wolking



### **Heather Wolking**

Heather is a [hairstylist](#) with photography as one of her [passions](#) ▶ . At the beginning of her college career, the dream was to be a photojournalist for Rolling Stone Magazine. The photography became sidetracked for her love of hair design. Recently, [the fire inside of Heather](#) for [photography](#) ▶ was reignited and here we are. She is proud to be a part of an amazing group of photographers who all share the same passion and support one another. Check out some of Heather's photos [here](#).

The show opens on September 3, 2013 with regular gallery hours (M-F 9:00 am –9:00 p.m., Sat & Sun 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), and will be open to the public for extended hours during MPMF

(September 26, 2013 – September 28, 2013).



**Courtney Phenicie** ▶

Courtney Phenicie is the Editor in Chief of CincyMusic and an alum of Northern Kentucky University. She enjoys singing in the car, pizza rolls, red wine, and The Golden Girls. If you can't find her roaming around the city with her daughter Josephine, check The Southgate House Revival or Casablanca Vintage in Northside.

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