

In Plain Sight #3

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About the artist:

Peter Kahn is a third year medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He is interested in how stories are told by physicians and patients alike.

About the artwork:

"I took this photo as part of a series of portraits while doing clinical rotations in the Bronx, NY, with the intention of allowing patients to tell their stories in a way that they might not otherwise share with a healthcare provider. I wanted others in the medical community to get a sense of who these patients are when they are outside of the clinic or the ER, places where patients are viewed as sick or 'needy.' In these photographs, taken on these individuals' own turf, our 'patients' can be themselves and tell their own stories through photographs. I collaborated with Daniel Akselrad on this series, in which we also gave those in our photographs a disposable camera, so they could capture their stories outside of our time together."

Visuals editor:

Justin Sanders

Visuals editor's note:

This is the third in a series of images taken by Peter and his collaborator in the South Bronx. For the last visual image before the New Year, I thought it appropriate to feature the portrait of a young African-American man, in the hopes that in the coming year and in those to follow we as a society will do better job of seeing people for who they are.

Thanks for your attention to the artists we've featured in 2014. I look forward to your submissions in 2015 and wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.