

MARCO MALJAARS

My name is Marco Maljaars born in 1975 and living in the small place Velsen Noord, the Netherlands. I am a self-taught photographer. For a living, I work as a Flight Operations Engineer at the biggest airline in the Netherlands.

During my childhood, I was always fascinated by aviation. Those aeroplanes made a big impression, and I wanted to photograph them. So I bought a second-hand analogue Olympus OM-20. Besides aviation, I started experimenting with Long Exposure times.

During my study aviation engineering, the camera was stored. Until a big trip was planned through Canada in 2008. A Canon 400D was bought and used it a lot. In 2014 it became more serious. I won a local contest. For a year I had to make a series about the commuters of the city. For that, I used slow shutter speeds to get that blurry ghosting effect in my street photos to express their rush.

As I was always fascinated by slow shutter speeds, I focused more and more on the Long Exposure technique. I got inspired by the work of Joel (Julius) Tjintelaar. He truly is an artist who shares his skills using tutorials, videos, blogs and software. It helped me a lot, and I got more and more driven in this Long Exposure technique.

The skills improved and in 2017 and 2018 I was third place winner of the Monochrome Awards. Last year I ended up second and third with the ND Awards 2018. Currently, I am working on a small series about the Dutch Polder, a bit of minimalism, fine art and Long Exposure mixed. For now, Long Exposures will remain my main focus, I love the way the main subjects are isolated and the mood it creates.

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