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Catherine Opie

Posted by Xtreme Dream Team on Dec 1, 2011 in Blog, Slider | 3 comments



Catherine Opie is one of today's most renowned and revered fine arts photographers in the world. Just four years ago, at the outrageously young age of 46, Opie's entire body of work was installed and celebrated in a mammoth, [four-story show at the famous Guggenheim Museum](#) in NYC. Opie photographs are in a whirlwind of constant shows, both domestic and abroad. An inspiring scope of subject matter, along with dazzling artistry in terms of color, paper, technique, background, etc, have all led Opie to be considered one of the leading artists of our time.

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Diana's Tweets



- [@supernon](#) Thanks you! Happy New Year! [about -1 years ago](#) from [HootSuite](#)in reply to [SUPERNON](#)
- [@johnserpa](#) from [@socialmedia2day](#) wrote "Four Tweets That Changed My Life in 2011". <http://t.co/iAAxzPDP> What tweets changed your life? [about -1 years ago](#) from [HootSuite](#)in reply to [johnserpa](#)
- Thank you to everyone for the New Year wishes, I look forward to 2012 and pushing ONWARD with you all. [#SettingGoals](#) [about 3 hours ago](#) from [HootSuite](#)
- [@meatballmom1](#) Thanks you and Happy New Year! Any big plans for 2012? [about 4 hours ago](#) from [HootSuite](#)in reply to [MeatballMom1](#)
- [@marpatz](#) Well that's a pretty good accomplishment for an artist. Happy

Cathy is also one of my dearest friends.

Once head of photography at Yale, now UCLA, Cathy lives around the corner from me here in Los

Angeles and she embraced my Xtreme Dream endeavor from the first day through every stroke of the

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Cathy flew down to Key West to be at the end of what should have been the crowning moment, the swim up to the Florida shore, from Cuba, but instead found me severely stung by jellyfish. She took some typically amazing photographs of those stings.....and took some stunning photos of my 60-to-62 year-old body throughout the two years.

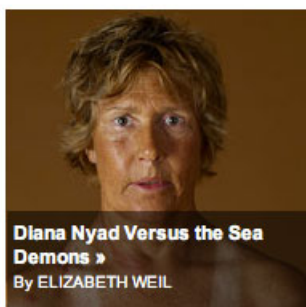
An artist featured many, many times, both her work and her person, in the [NY Times Magazine](#), Cathy sent them a few of her end-of-Dream photos and they were, as is everybody who has a chance to print an Opie oeuvre, "wowed".

The Magazine hence sent one of their top writers, [Liz Weil](#), to shadow me for a couple of days, to produce a story to go along with the art of Catherine Opie. The article will appear this Sunday, Dec, 4, and I will admit to you that I am undeniably thrilled, not only to have photos of my efforts depicted by such a world-class artist, but to appear in such a prestigious magazine in a collaboration with my sweet and loyal friend.

The photograph here is not one of those for the NY Times, but just an example of what Cathy Opie does. If you don't know her work yet, start following her. You will be enraptured.

The article, [Marathon Swimmer Diana Nyad Takes On the Demons of the Sea](#), is now online at The New York Times website.

The New York Times Magazine



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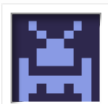


Gae Polisner

December 1, 2011

Gorgeous! Love it. you are a sea goddess!!!

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Louise

December 2, 2011

Whoa, and whoa! Great pic. This gives me incentive to keep keeping on. I just posted a pic very similar to this yesterday on my facebook site. I had no idea that your pic would be posted. Check it...Louise DeVoney. Thanks to you for keep giving it up for us and for me.

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Laura B.

December 4, 2011

Now that is a rock hard, ten body! Beautifully photographed. I read the New

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York Times article by Elizabeth Weil, for the most part found it to be a good read. I did disagree with the comment that your skin Diana, was like a crocodile handbag. I think it was meant to be light hearted in nature but I thought it wasn't a very nice comparison. A good part of your life has been spent in the sun and salt water, I think your skin looks great when you consider that fact. Don't let anybody and their opinion of you or your dream get you down. Follow your heart. Sometimes an idea seems crazy to others in the short term but becomes clear with time. Trust in yourself and go for it!

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