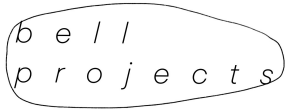


# NUDE MASCULINE STATES

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**September 1 - October 29, 2023**

Saturdays & Sundays 12-5pm,  
or by appointment

**Opening reception Friday, September 1, 6-10pm**

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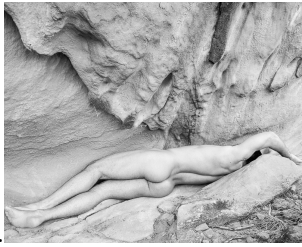
Bell Projects presents – **Nude Masculine States** – a solo exhibition of black & white figurative and landscape photography by **Jon Sargent**. This exhibition opens Friday, September 1 and runs through October 29, 2023. Please join us for an **opening reception on September 1st from 6pm until 10pm**, which also incorporates a performance piece by the artist.

Through photography, Sargent showcases the masterpieces we are. The human body is a dynamic vessel that holds our spirit, vulnerability and identity. For this reason, it is the most richly layered subject matter any artist could hope to approach.

Like putting on armor before a battle, men are often taught to hide behind a veneer of strength to conceal their strong feelings. By removing clothing, there are no places for men to hide, literally and figuratively. We begin to understand that by showing others our struggles, we gain the strength needed to overcome them. Sargent's photography incorporates the nude body into the environment as a metaphor for different emotional places. May this work give us a sense that men are beautiful when they show us who they truly are.

**Jon Sargent** grew up among turtles, bugs and snakes in Florida. Like his crawling friends, he feels most at home in the outdoors. The natural world later would become the backdrop in the exploration of body image and masculinity. His experiences with bullying and lacking a positive male role model growing up generated questions he explores today with his photography. Other topics he has investigated include the important issue of loneliness on his blog, *Lonely Mythos*. His artistic work has been exhibited in solo and group shows and film festivals.

Jon now calls Colorado home. His turtle and rescue cat are constantly amazed at his creations. He has yet to find a snake taking up residence under his refrigerator, which was often the case back in Florida. He and his pets nevertheless remain ever vigilant.



1.  
***Belly of the Whale***  
2022  
Photography  
8x10", 11x14" framed  
\$95



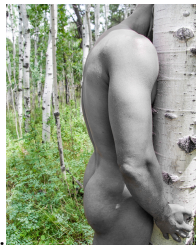
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***Embrace***  
2022  
Photography  
8x10", 11x14" framed  
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3.  
***Veil of Masculinity***  
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Photography  
10x8", 14x11" framed  
\$95



4.  
***Contrasts***  
2022  
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5.  
***One***  
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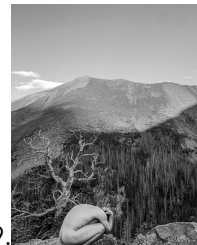
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***Dance***  
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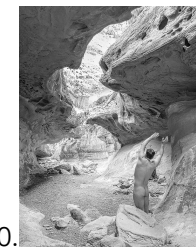
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***Time Out***  
2022  
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8.  
***Fallen***  
2022  
Photography  
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\$95



9.  
***Before You***  
2022  
Photography  
10x8", 14x11" framed  
\$95



10.  
***Reclaim***  
2022  
Photography  
10x8", 14x11" framed  
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11.  
***Crawl***  
2022  
Photography  
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