

# 2025 / 2026 KSCCC Annual Photo Challenge





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- Provide a topic that is outside the comfort zone of most members



Most members own one of these



Android Phone



iPhone





# Topic: The Selfie

a.k.a. Self Portrait



# What is a “Selfie”

- A **selfie** or **self portrait**
  - An image of oneself **taken** or **directed** by the photographer
  - Informal to formal
  - *“Taken by the photographer”*
    - Hand-held phone camera with / without selfie-stick
    - Camera on a tripod or other support
      - Self timer, remote release or have someone else press the shutter release
  - *“Directed by the photographer”*
    - If someone else takes the picture, the photographer must direct the shoot
      - Subject takes care of all of the technical and compositional details of the shoot
  - Straight-out-of camera or post-processed
- Asking someone else to take your picture is not a selfie / self portrait

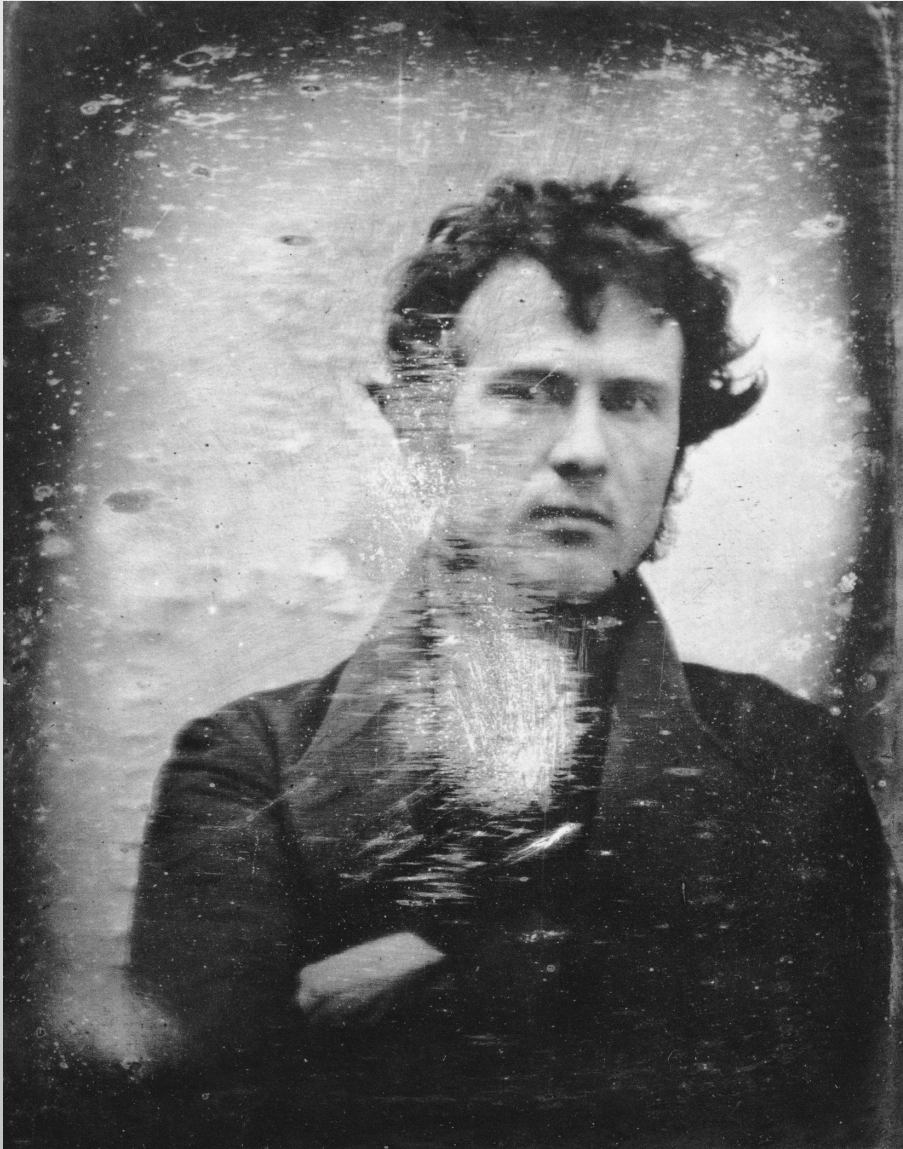




## Albrecht Dürer - 1471–1528

- German Renaissance painter & print maker
- First artist to do multiple self-portraits
- Artists have been doing selfies for centuries





Robert Cornelius – 1839

- Considered to be one of the half-dozen most important early photographs



Untitled #98 - **Cindy Sherman** - 1982

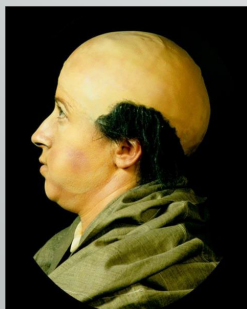
- American contemporary fine art photographer
- Entire body of work is self-portraiture
  - Designs and makes her own costumes
  - Does her own hair and makeup
  - Creates her own scenes
    - Lighting design
  - Takes the pictures herself







More Cindy Sherman





# FAQ

- **Do I have to show my face?**
  - Generally, a face is shown in a selfie
    - But not always
    - Examples
      - My shadow
      - Profile view
      - Back view
      - Part of the body
        - Hands of an artist and their artwork
      - Photo-composite
    - Must include some significant part of your body as the main subject
- **Can there be other people in the shot?**
  - Yes, but you must clearly be the main subject
- What is the difference between a formal and informal selfie?
  - **Informal** – spontaneous / snapshot
  - **Formal** - has more planning and control

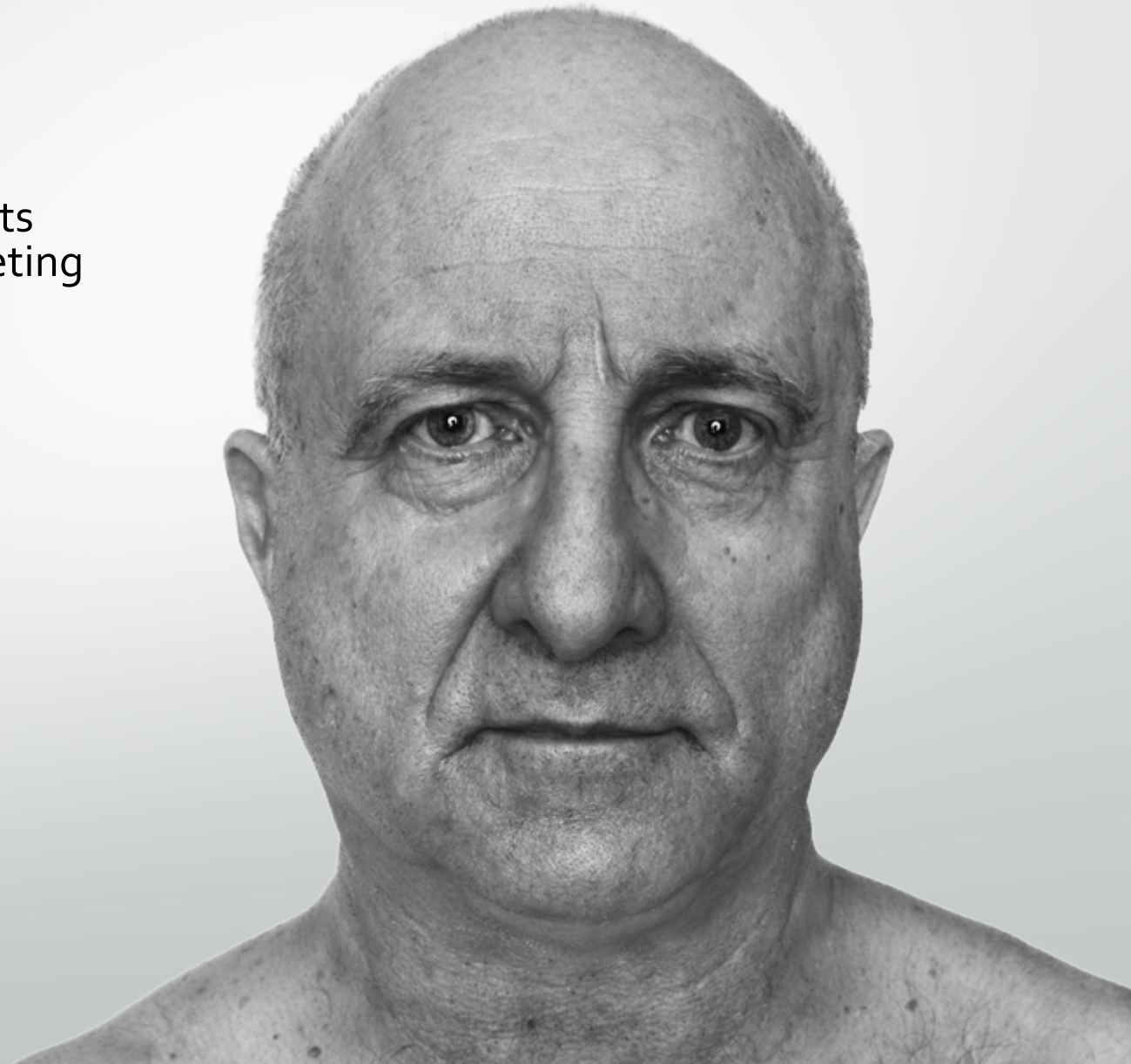


Informal Self Portrait



# Assignment

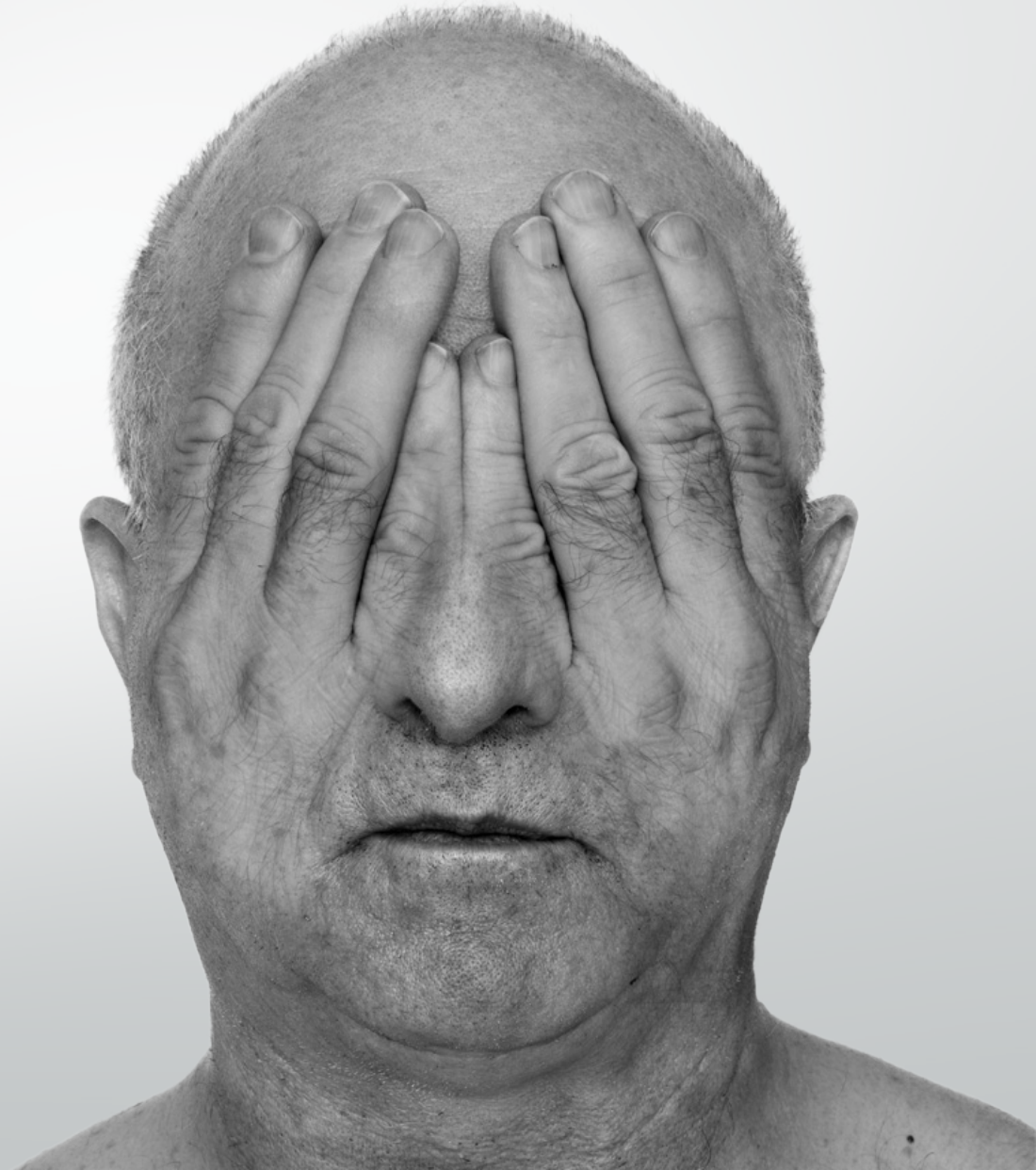
- Take **up to three (3)** selfies / self-portraits and submit them for the **June 2026** meeting
  - Try to portray yourself in different ways
    - Different locations
    - Different points of view
    - Different times of the year
    - Different types of light
    - Use different focal lengths
    - Mix of formal and informal
    - B&W, monochrome or colour
    - Post-processing effects





# Final Thoughts

- Be serious
- Be silly
- Be creative
- Have fun!







Questions / Comments?