



Chris Juhn, Great River Passage Photographer in Residence

Biography

Chris Juhn specializes in photojournalism and sports photography. He got his start in photography when he bought a point and shoot camera. From that moment, he was hooked. Chris started photographing every day and everywhere, which led him to discover that he really enjoys photojournalism.

Photojournalism for him is a way to tell stories of the subjects he captures in a way that can help others have a deeper understanding of what someone else experiences. It's also a way for him to experience life to the fullest and to open up to new experiences and moments that he wouldn't be able to have without photography. Through images much can be told, and through the human experience we understand emotions, struggles, and many other things.

Chris currently attends Century College, where he studies photography. In addition, he freelances for Minnesota Public Radio, the Minneapolis Spokesman-Recorder, City Pages, and Sport Engine. His long-term goals are to do photography projects locally, nationally and internationally, covering issues and stories around the globe.

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What draws you to the river?

Water is extremely peaceful. There is something about rivers that makes me feel at peace with the flow of the water and how the water reflects the sky and the lights of cities at night. What draws me to the Great River Passage in Saint Paul is how unique that part of the Mississippi is compared to any other part of the river I've been to.

Saint Paul is extremely unique in the bridges, architecture, and the lay of the land. As a photographer, I can spend many hours on the river and be able to enjoy every bit of it. To me it's an escape from the world – kind of like a vacation.

Through this residency, I hope to show the many parts of the Great River Passage – that there are a lot of different parts to explore and experience – to inspire people to start their own Great River Passage adventures. This hopefully will lead to people and businesses taking more of an interest in the river as well as wanting to clean the water more and start to take great pride that we have such a great river that runs through Saint Paul.

Favorite spot on the Mississippi River in Saint Paul?

My favorite spot on the river in Saint Paul is a beach that is hidden by the High Bridge. It's extremely peaceful, and you get a great view of both the High Bridge and the Saint Paul skyline. I've never seen anybody else there.