

## BORIS SHPITALNIK BIOGRAPHY

Boris was born in the city of Kharkov, Ukraine (former USSR), where he began his training as a musician. He had traveled to America 10 years ago amidst the collapse of the Soviet Union. While attending F.D.R. High School in Brooklyn, NY, Boris continued his studies and music and also developed a keen interest in Photography. Over the years, he continued to perfect his skills in both areas.

He has been involved in Photography for the better part of his college career, or about 6 years. However, he started working as a freelance photographer in 1999. He became interested in photography in an unusual manner. "Because I am a perfectionist in some ways, I wanted my pictures to look very good. I did some research about photographic equipment, and how it might help my picture-taking. I also subscribed to photography magazines to learn better techniques." Boris says that the best part of being a photographer is, "Two things: a sense of accomplishment because a picture came out great, and the feeling of satisfaction because it brings joy to someone else."

Boris has the following advise for young photographers. "If you are interested in photography, it's not difficult to get started, and you don't need a very expensive camera. All you need is curiosity and willingness to go out and take pictures." Currently, Boris teaches music to school children and continues to work on photography as a freelancer.