

# Jamel Shabazz

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For me, the stars are the invisible people on the street that people don't really get a chance to know.

~Jamel Shabazz

What I strive to do through my work, is to teach compassion. You need to have a lot of it, in this day and time, and it's lacking.

~Jamel Shabazz

The images of war inspired me to create, to go to different situations and communities, to document the human side of people, to show a side that we don't see.

~Jamel Shabazz

When you look at my photos, just look into the eyes of my subjects. The eyes say so much.

~Jamel Shabazz

The photograph is to a great degree evidence of the conversation I had with the person. It's a part of my visual diary.

~Jamel Shabazz

Photography is humbling, it really is, and it really allows for me to atone for some of the missteps I've made throughout the course of my life.

~Jamel Shabazz

I place myself in situations where a lot of people are going to be, and bring a particular body of work that reflects the people already there. You have to study your subject.

~Jamel Shabazz

Sometimes we are just divided, but we still, for the most part, we have similar hopes and dreams.

~Jamel Shabazz

I think that's what the war photography did for me. It showed me the human side of people and how certain circumstances can change people's lives.

~Jamel Shabazz

For the most part, as a society, we are not happy with ourselves.

~Jamel Shabazz

My camera is my compass; it's guided me to so many different places.

~Jamel Shabazz

I think that photography has allowed me to have a voice. I used to stutter, and once I overcame that struggle, it felt good to tell people they were beautiful and special.

~Jamel Shabazz

When a photographer or a person sees your beauty, your inner beauty, it makes you feel special like, "Wow, someone saw that within me."

~Jamel Shabazz

When I approach a person, I feel a certain way. If I don't feel that way, I'm not going to approach that individual. "I see something in you" - I want the person to know that.

~Jamel Shabazz

I do believe in angels and I believe that a lot of these people I'm supposed to meet. The photograph serves as evidence; it causes me to reflect on when I met this person.

~Jamel Shabazz

I wanted to go amongst gangbangers, to understand this war they were fighting amongst each other. I wanted to document it, [also] to show the human side of it.

~Jamel Shabazz

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