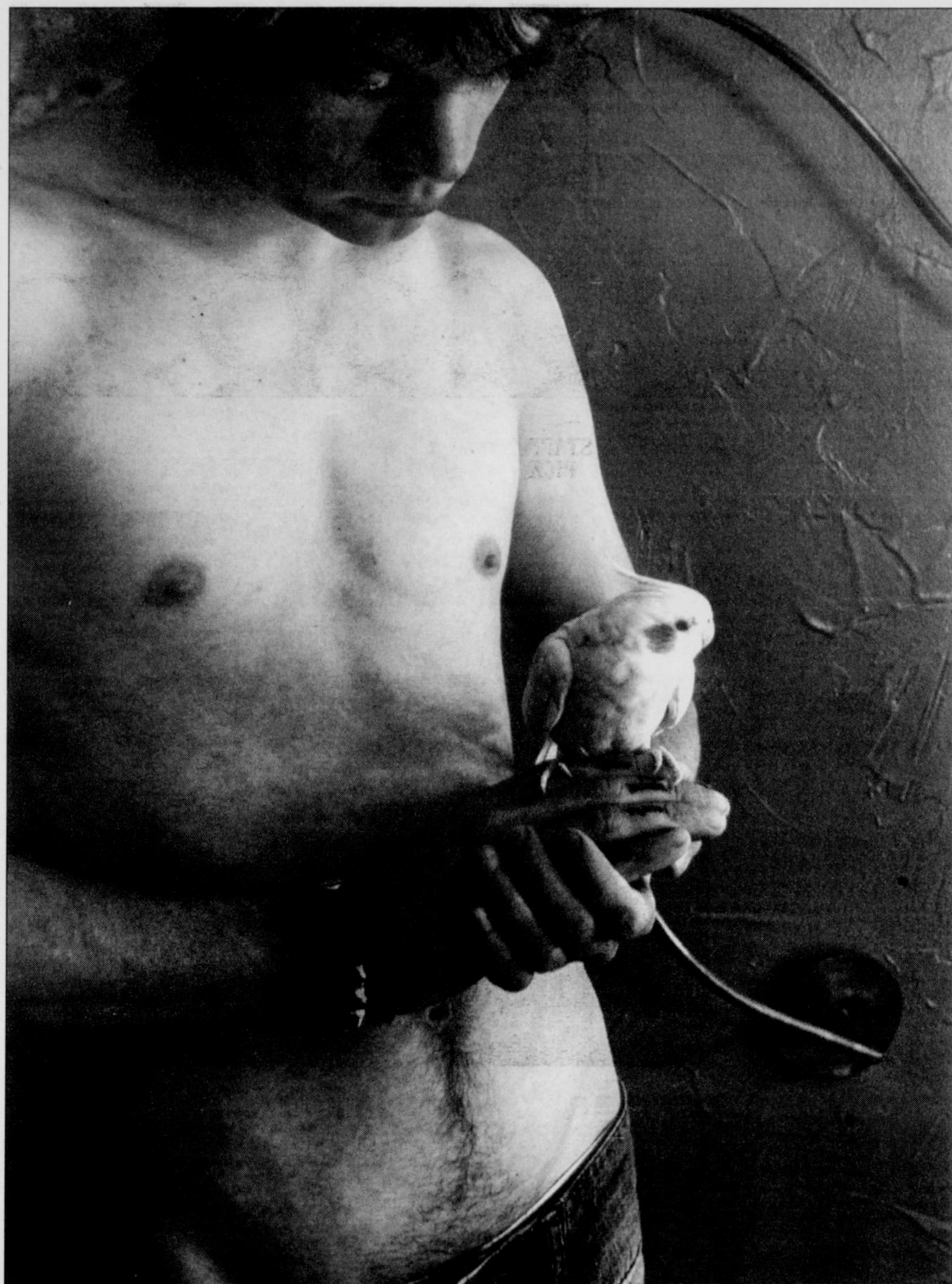




WINNER PETS CATEGORY

Untitled Peter Schmidt

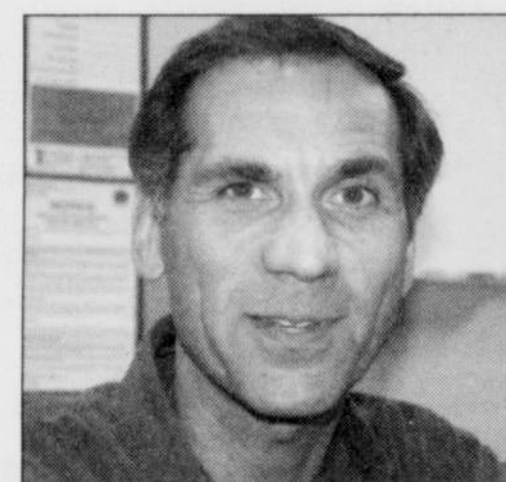
Peter Schmidt's black-and-white photo of a topless man and his "very accepting straight female bird" caught the judges' eyes and imagination.

The Portland artist was born and raised in the Rose City. He attended Sunset High School and later graduated from Oregon State University. He works with art and architectural glass at his studio, called Chemistree.

"I love exploring life, sharing life," says Schmidt. "Photography is one avenue."

Having developed ways to fuse glass with photo quality results, Schmidt is now building stock to draw upon as he creates pieces that translate from photos to glass or ceramic. This includes a series on the human form. "I am looking for [and] working with life-art models—in-shape men and women, posing solo or entwined, dressed to nudes. Interested parties can inquire via e-mail at glass@chemistree.com."

The image of the model, caedmon, looking lovingly on his cockatiel, Sunnie, is the one judges kept coming back to in the selection process. The model's studded wristband and knuckle tattoos are offset by the gentle look from beneath his feathery hair and lashes. The bird, which seems to be looking directly at the viewer, is "a natural," according to Schmidt.



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