

# Local Artist Revue

## STRAIGHT SHOOTING The Youth Photo Project

Portland, Or - Straight Shooting '99, the youth photo project that puts cameras into the hands of at-risk youth, is in full swing at sites throughout the state, giving youth an opportunity to learn about photography and document their lives through pictures.

Designed to create public awareness around the underlying issues facing at-risk and gang affected youth, Straight Shooting provides a positive and supportive learning environment in which youth can present their view of life in a non-violent way. The program also provides the community with insight into the lives of youth from throughout Oregon by the stunning photos that result.

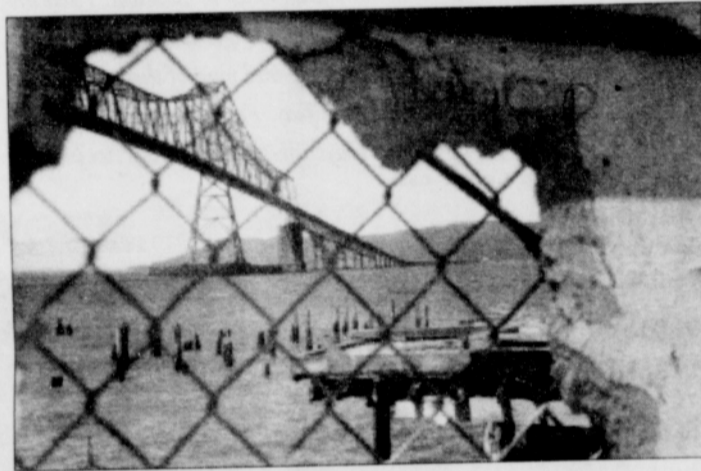
Straight Shooting is currently in its 8<sup>th</sup> year of pairing at-risk youth with professional photographers to learn the basics of photography and to apply those skills in capturing the world around them. Thirty-five Oregon youth working from five sites, including Tri-County, Hood River, Malheur,

Salem and Yamhill are involved in the program for 12 weeks, developing hundreds of rolls of film and logging numerous hours spent "shooting" with their cameras, either with their mentor, "on location" in group field trips, or on their own. Their photography often involves their friends and family. A former Straight Shooting youth serving as program assistant at the Portland location, one

mentor visiting from Colima, Mexico, and a Spanish speaking youth are examples of a few of the "new" stories of the program this year. Also, this is the first time that Straight Shooting has been held during the summer.

The photos from this summer's program will be displayed the month of October at the Oregon Council for His-

panic Advancement (OCHA) in Portland's Pearl District. The First Thursday opening is scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM - 9 PM.



**Aubrey Mae Ellis, 20**

"I've learned how to process film, print my pictures - the stuff that professionals do. I am learning that there is power in my work."

**Sarah Reyna, 18 years old**



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