

Connecting in Public Places





What does human connection look like in public spaces? Is it as simple as a couple holding hands? What form does attachment take? Can people ignore each other and still be tied together? Do two strangers interact? These are some questions I asked myself when developing this series.

There are many types of relationships shown in this collection of photographs. A mother and a daughter, a father and his son. A couple sitting together closely on a park bench, and a couple sitting together on the steps of their Village Home not interacting at all.

Connections occur among strangers every day. Whether between a customer and a vendor at a farmers market or a bike taxi driver and his customer. People interact in different ways. In a group of men one reassures another with a hand on his shoulder.

My images reflect how we connect to others in public. The photos explore how others may perceive us. They show the stories we create in our minds about the individuals we see.

All photos were taken in New York City and Long Island.

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