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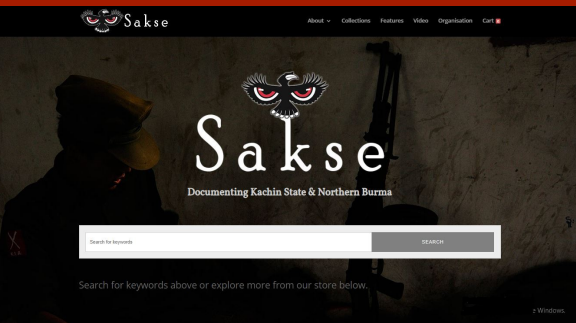
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www.doc-arts.asia



www.sakse.org



Photographer - Curator - Educator - Cinematographer

Balancing time between shooting long-term personal projects & working as a curator, educator & photography activist

Ryan spends a lot of time getting to know his subjects and very little time post-processing. He has called Asia home for 18 years.

As a photographer, Ryan's work has been exhibited at over 20 galleries & museums, including the Nikon Salons, the Fuji Film Salon & The Brighton Museum as well as in the mass media; Outside, BBC, Marie Claire, Financial Times... and featured in 5 books.

He is the winner of the Nikon Inspiration Award and grants from the Pulitzer Center, the W. Eugene Smith Fund and has given two TEDx talks.

As a media educator, Ryan has taught semester long university courses and regularly teaches custom workshops throughout Asia for organizations such as, UNESCO, the EU, the Olympic Committee and many more.

As a curator, Ryan founded and directs Documentary Arts Asia, a not for profit foundation to support documentary photo & film in Asia, with galleries, libraries, cinemas, residencies, workshops and directed The Chiang Mai Documentary Arts Festival & the F/28 month of photography. He is a juror for International Photography Awards & Photolucdia's Critical Mass & Nominator for Prix Pictet. He is an advisor for the Photography Ethics Centre based in the UK.

As a filmmaker, Ryan shot & directed the feature documentary, *The Laiza Hotel*, (in post production) & has shot directed and produced many shorter video projects.

When not working on projects, curating or teaching, he enjoys hiking, cycling and building adobe houses

PHOTOGRAPHY

www.everydaykachin.com



www.cdaf.asia



www.nawmingaward.org



Solo Exhibitions

The Nikon Salons in Tokyo and Osaka
The Fuji Film Salon
Higashikawa International Photo Festival
The Brighton Museum
The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand & Japan
Kinokuniya Books Gallery
+ 15 others

Photography Awards & Grants

[Nikon Inspiration Award 2010](#)
[Pulitzer Center Reporting Grant](#)

Publications

[Outside Magazine](#)
[Financial Times](#)
[Marie Claire](#)
[Fah Thai \(Bangkok Airways \)](#)
[Bloomberg](#)
[The BBC](#)
[Nikkor Magazine](#)
[UNESCO's Sang Saeng Magazine \(Text & images\)](#)
[The Washington Times](#)
[Global Post \(Text & images\)](#)
[The Kyoto Journal \(Text & images\)](#)
[The Bangkok Post](#)
[Get Lost \(cover story \)](#)
[Outdoor Japan](#)
[Matador Network \(Text & images\)](#)
[The Irrawaddy](#)
[The Democratic Voice of Burma](#)
[The Seattle Globalist](#)
[Open Democracy](#)
& many More

Book Projects

All images by Ryan Libre
Wongsanit Ashram - Semsikka
[The Yoga of Pregnancy](#) - Findhorn Press

Contributed images to

[Sustainable \(R\)evolution](#) - North Atlantic Books
[101 Places to get f*cked up](#) - St Martin Press

Commissioned Work

[AusAID](#)
[Harm reduction in Cambodia](#)
[Royal Lao Sapphire](#)
[Responsible mining in Lao](#)
[Sterling College](#)
“Working minds - Working hands”

Museums

The Brighton Museum

Kachin Refugees in Malaysia

CURATION / PHOTO ACTIVISM

Documentary Arts Asia

Founder / Director

Chiang Mai Documentary Arts Festival

Founder / Director

F/28 Month of Photography

Co-Founder / Director

Naw Ming Media Award

Founder / Director

Suwon International Photography Festival

Guest Curator - Portfolio Reviews - Workshop Instructor

Photography Ethics Centre

Advisor

International Photography Awards

[Juror](#)

Photo Lucia's "Critical Mass"

[Juror](#)

Foundry Photojournalism Workshops

Host of the 2012 workshops

Asia Pacific Photo Forum

Past Member

Curation Awards & Grants

Chanpnick Grant from the W. Eugene Smith Memorial Fund

Internews Grants - for media center in rebel controlled Kachin State

Public Talks

TEDx

Two time speaker (TEDxBKK & TEDxDoi Suthep)

Aperture Gallery

NYC

CNXP

[SXSW modeled event](#)

In The Media - Interviews with Ryan

[Outside Magazine](#) - Nikkor magazine - International Photo Awards

[City Life](#) - [The Candid Frame](#) - [Smith Fund Blog](#) - TEDx Talks

[The Diplomat](#) - Dateline-FCCJ - [Reno News & Review](#)

Ignite - [Camera Obscura](#) - [Media Storm](#) - [Reporters without Borders](#)

[PhotoPreneur](#) - [The Democratic Voice of Burma](#) - NHK Radio

[Matador Network](#) - Traversing the Orient & many more

EDUCATOR

With over 10 years experience in Teaching photography &
Film Workshops
I still love it as much as making images myself

Documentary Arts Asia

Primary Instructor

Workshop Series

Taught sold-out workshops on various topics across Asia

University of Colorado, Boulder

Semester long analog photography courses

Chiang Mai University

2 Semester long documentary photography courses

Matador U

Lead Photo Faculty (past)

UNESCO

Youth Peace Ambassadors - Guest Instructor

International Olympic Committee

Olympic Truce program media instructor

The European Union

**Teaching refugees in Kachin State & Guest instructor for
program training E. European Journalists**

Where There Be Dragons

Photography instructor for several trips

Earth Rights International

Photography instructor for ethnic activists From Burma

Filmmaker & Cinematographer

When Will It Be (in Post-production)

Cinematographer / Director for feature length film

Laiza Hotel www.laizahotel.com

VJ Movement

Member

Footage for various news outlets

EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Boulder

IMAP - Photo - Master of Fine Arts

MFA Candidate

California State University, Chico

Peace Studies, Bachelors of Arts

Self-Designed Degree

Rangsit University

Politics, philosophy & economics

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English – Native Speaker

Japanese – Near fluent Speaker – Literate

Thai – Conversational Speaking

Chinese – Basic Literacy

Jinghpaw (Kachin) - Basic Conversation

OTHER SKILLS

Mountain Wilderness Guide

Wilderness First Aid

Adobe House Building
Food Design
Environmental Educator
Extensive Cycle Touring
Trail Builder for the US National Parks
US Army (Specialist)
Heavy Equipment Operator
Commercial Drivers Licence

REFERENCES

Available upon request

