

Riverside Community College
Photo 8 Commercial & Advertising | Summer 2024
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Assignment 8: Motion Blur
Subject: Photography
Due:
Format: 1 8.x11 Digital print

*“What i like about photographs is
that they capture a moment that’s gone forever,
impossible to reproduce.”*
– Karl Lagerfeld

Motion blur is a photographic technique used to convey a sense of motion or movement in an image. By intentionally blurring the moving elements while keeping the stationary parts sharp, photographers can capture the dynamism and energy of various scenes.

This effect is achieved by using a slower shutter speed, allowing the camera to record the motion over a more extended period. Motion blur finds its usefulness in different scenarios, such as sports photography, where it beautifully freezes the action while creating a feeling of speed and excitement. In creative photography, it adds an artistic and dreamy touch, evoking emotions and drawing viewers into a surreal world. Additionally, long exposures with motion blur can produce stunning light trails in low-light conditions, adding an enchanting touch to nighttime cityscapes or starry skies.

This technique is also effective in storytelling, emphasizing journeys, portraying dance movements, or showcasing the speed of vehicles. With careful application, motion blur can elevate photographs, giving them a unique and captivating visual appeal.