



## Joe Constantino

Joe was born and raised in Manhattan. The many cultural opportunities that presented themselves in New York City were taken advantage of which led to a deep appreciation of music and art. Joe started piano instruction at a young age and eventually played professionally in and around New York City. After attending Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx where he played in the concert band, jazz ensemble and wrote arrangements for the jazz ensemble he entered the Marine Corps, was stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina where he did radio work and performed for many functions.

After the Marine Corps Joe attended Manhattan School of Music where he received his Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees and began teaching at a school district on Long Island. He continued his post graduate education at New York University where he received a professional diploma. This led to a position as Music Director in a Long Island School District.

Joe was on the adjunct faculty of Five Towns College and adjunct assistant professor at Dowling College where he was also the photographer for the basketball team. He also has a number of publications in the field of music which include compositions in symphonic band, solo and ensembles and chorus. A few of his compositions have been performed by the Atlantic Wind Symphony, Long Island's professional wind ensemble.

Joe's photo interest was developed early and after retirement from public education it became a second career. His book "111 Infrared Photos" was published by Authorhouse and in 2010 his image "What's Down There?" won a Golden Award in Black and White Magazine's Single Image Contest. His pictures are in the permanent collection of a number of museums and his pictures have recently been exhibited at the Heckscher Museum of Art in Huntington, New York; the Leepa-Rattner Museum in Tarpon Springs, Florida; and the Museum of Fine Art at Florida State University. He has also given a three session workshop in Style Development at the Heckscher Museum and lectured on various photo subjects.

It has been a most rewarding lifetime full of music and art.