## 2013 Ten Best Photos

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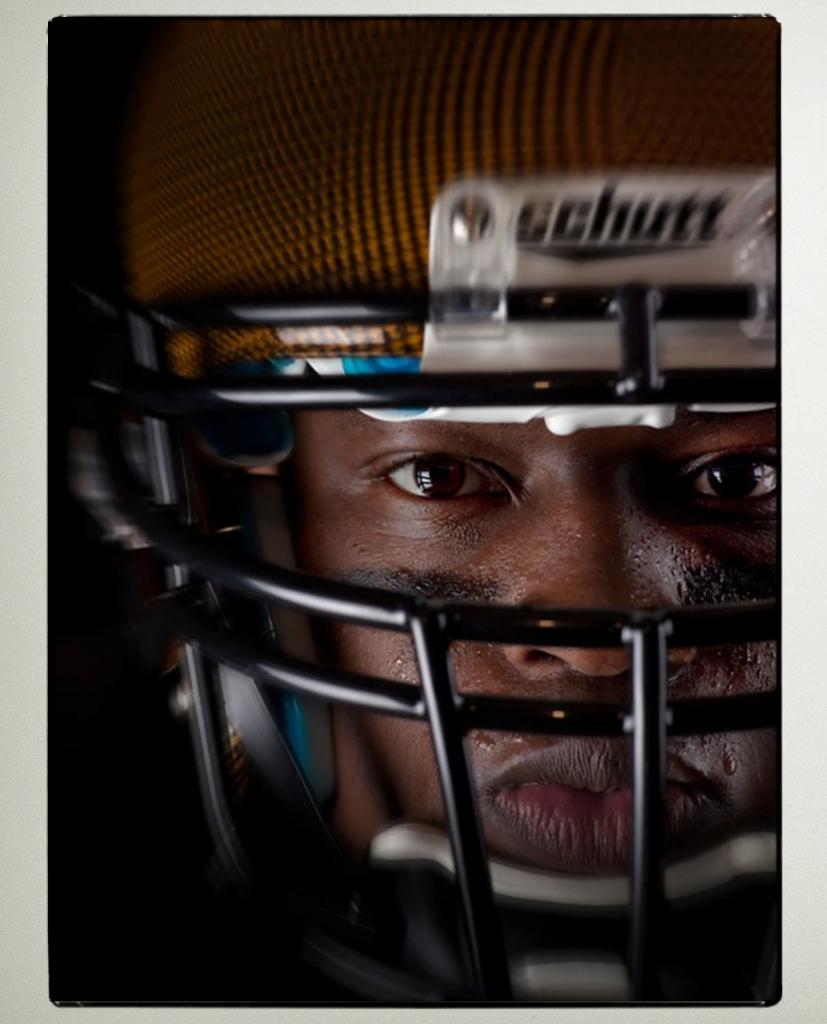
This was a shoot that I did for the Peoria Ballet in February in the studio. These young people really made me look good with their incredible abilities and form!!!



Durning the construction of the new Peoria Riverfront Museum and the Caterpillar Visitors Center in May, I grabbed this shot of one of the workers doing some grinding on a piece of fabricated metal for a display. I just loved the sparks and I was able to put the camera right into the trail of sparks!



This was a Dale Chihuly exhibit at the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens that I shot this past July. It was wonderful to see Chihuly's work in a setting like this!



I aways have fun when we shoot with Schutt Sports. For this shot we were able to do some super moody lighting and create a lot of drama of the football player with his Schutt helmet!



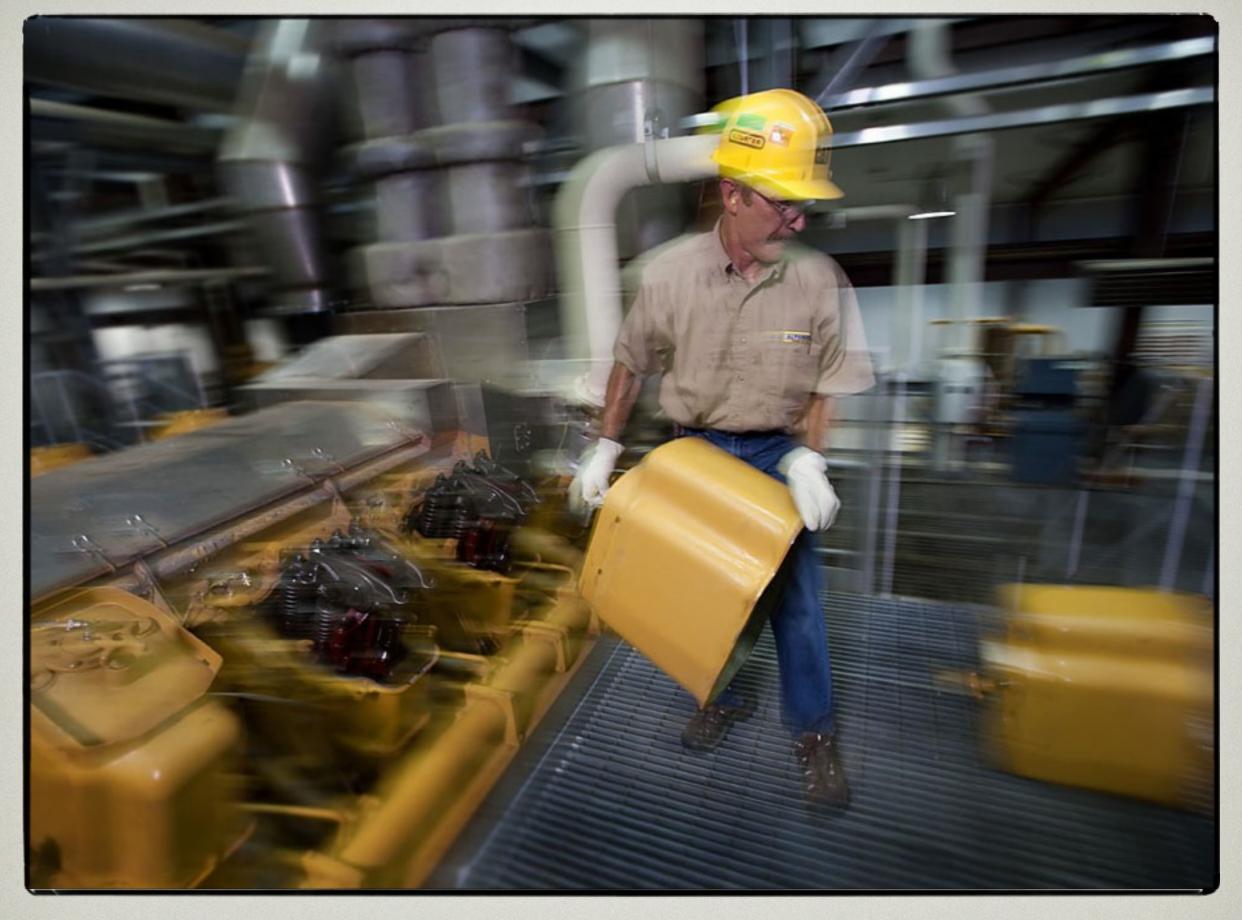
This shot of Cape Town, South Africa was part of shoot that took me to the Middle East, Africa and Brazil in July. We were able to capture the city of Cape Town at sundown on a perfect night!!!!

Back in June we were out shooting for LG Seeds in the corn fields of Central Illinois. For this shot we created some drama by adding some lighting on our farmer and them working with the image in Photoshop to massage the color of the image!

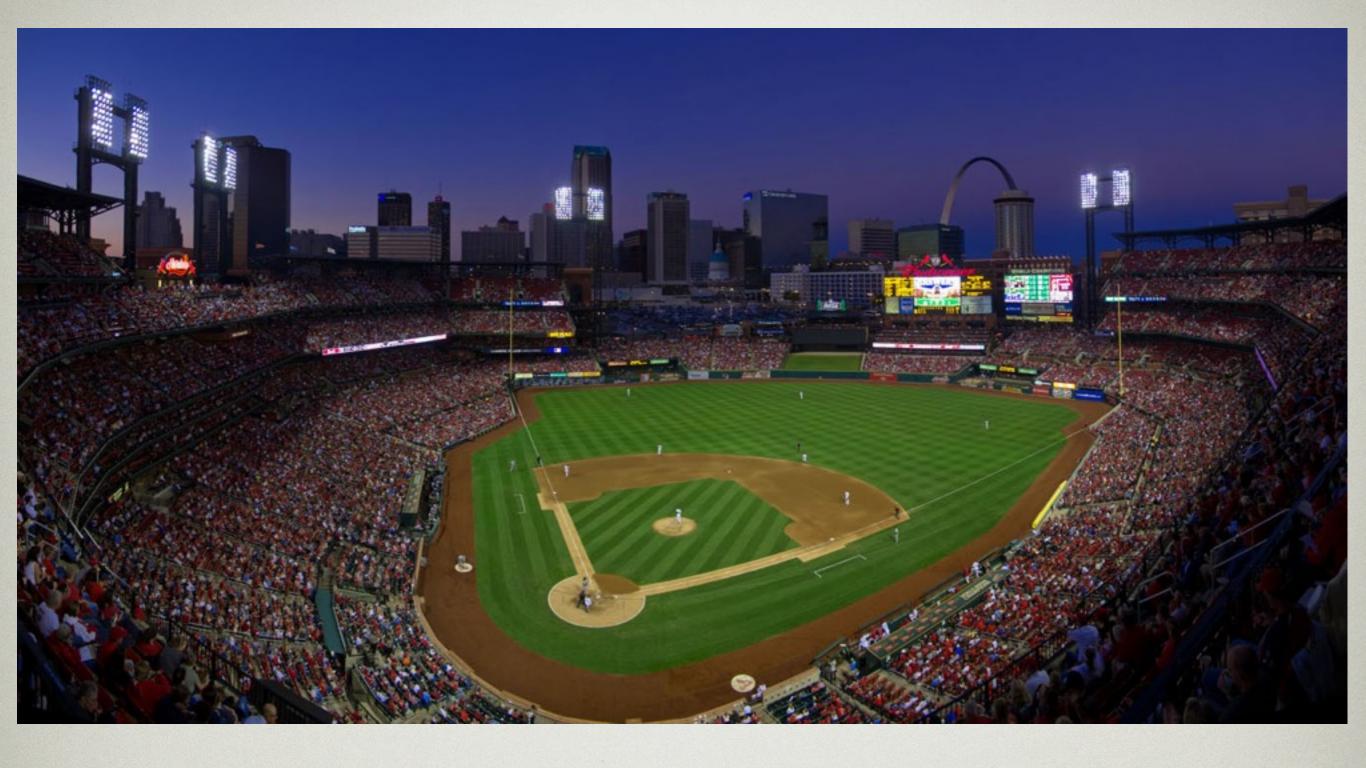




Back in June we had a fun shoot for Dana Corp. The idea was to come up with an ad that would show their product "axles" in a different way. The photo started with a great idea to show the people that use the products and what they put their Jeeps through. We used a little strobe light to give the shot some drama and we couldn't have asked for a better shot!!!!



For this image at a Springfield, Illinois pumping station last July, I added a little motion to the snap to show the worker doing some maintenance on a Caterpillar engine!



Going to any major sporting event is wonderful and when you combine a beautiful stadium with a great looking city as the background, you've got a pretty special view!!! Busch Stadium in St. Louis is a jewel of a place to watch a ballgame and when you have that million dollar view, it's even better!!!!



In October, the Caterpillar Visitors Center and the Peoria Riverfront Museum opened and I was able to grab this great panoramic shot of the backside of the CVC. With the large glass windows, you can see all of the Cat equipment including the life-size 797 mining truck!

Thanks for taking the time to check out some of my work from 2012! It was a great year that took me all over the World and the United States for a bunch of different shoots! As always, we worked our butts off to get the clients the shots that they needed and we also had a lot of fun and laughs along the way!!!

I'm looking forward to 2013 and all the adventures and fun that it will bring!
Come along for the ride and you won't be disappointed!

Sometimes people think that being a photographer can be a glamorous gig. In this case we were shooting last July in Fujairah, UAE at a petroleum facility on the Gulf of Oman with a heat index of 130+degrees!!! I thought I was going to die!!!

