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the shower series

For the last few months I have been inviting people to visit my apartment and allow me to photograph them in a very intimate space; my bathroom. I have also been inviting them to take a shower as I continue to shoot them. I soon came to the observation that warm water running over my subjects bodies often relieved them of any unnerving awkwardness the camera brought about. Once they were relaxed, the bathroom, formerly a beauty parlour, now became a confessional and I the hair dresser. Many of my subjects shared intimate details of their life with me and every new person in the shower became a brand new allegory. With every new visit I had a new protagonist; a new plot and a new parable of hurt and heroic that came undone under that shower - my shower. I felt a personal mythology was being shared, an independent study that I got addicted to.

Secretly I have been told by my subjects that it is thrilling and adventuresome to be in my shower; secretly cheating my traditional and tame Indian upbringing I live through all of my subjects. Fighting their wars and braving their fears for those few hours where we are connected through this pious space. I continue to investigate this enthralling photo project which has thus far given rise to some of the fastest., most disarming relationships I have formed. I look forward to these images leading the way as the project continues.



