



The Glam Bugs: Photographs by Xavier Nuez



“The Glam Bugs” is a photographic series of glorified, theatrical bugs.

In his new series, *Glam Bugs*, photographer [Xavier Nuez](#) finds breathtakingly-ethereal beauty in some of the most humble and unlikeliest of subjects: dead and decomposing insects.

To create his images, Nuez begins with a concept, and fleshes out the characters he wants to create. He then builds tiny sets that can be as small as a few square inches, to provide a perfect backdrop for his “star” bugs. The bugs themselves are those found already dead and dusty in basements, windowsills etc, which are then positioned into desired poses on the sets. He says that lighting setups are often quite complex, as they are required to create tiny shafts of light which won’t wash out the intricate details in the photographs. The final images are then shot on large format film, usually on his 50-year old Hasselblad cameras.

ABOUT XAVIER NUEZ

Xavier Nuez’s photographs have been featured in solo and group exhibitions in museums and galleries internationally, including the Illinois State Museum in Chicago, the Marin Museum of Contemporary Art in California, the Attleboro Art Museum in Massachusetts, and the San Diego Art Institute.

His work is in numerous public, corporate and private collections, including those of the Illinois State Museum, the University of Richmond Museum in Virginia, the University of Michigan, the Norfolk Southern Collection, the Vicente Fox Center Library and Museum in Guanajuato, Mexico, Danny DeVito, and Angela Lansbury.

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