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Artist: Reimundo Garcia Jr. **Title:** "Wet Feet"

Exhibited: Open weekend studio, by appointment 201-739-7280

Reimundo Garcia Jr. became a photographer after his trip to the Galapagos Islands off the coast of Ecuador. He'd finished a photography class, so he knew the mechanics, but it was the islands that made him a photographer.

"The beauty of the nature there and the lack of fear in all of the animals gives everyone who visits a wonderful feeling of joy," Garcia said, in response to emailed questions.

"I took hundreds of pictures while visiting these islands and brought back my excitement to New York to begin my career."

"Wet Feet" a 2006 image of water flowing down a mountain spring over moss covered rocks was taken in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park on a trip with friends.

"The location took a few days to find," Garcia said.

"I was looking for waterfalls or streams to take pictures of while I was visiting the park. This particular stream was about 200 feet away from the hiking trail. I had to hike through rough brush to get to the edge of the stream, getting my feet slightly wet.

After setting up my camera, I had to clear the stream of any obstructions. That involved removing debris that is common to any stream in the area, sometimes throwing rocks and large branches to dislodge the debris so it would not be part of the final photo."

Back at home, Garcia imported the RAW file into his computer and applied color corrections and final touches in Adobe Photoshop.

"I printed the photo myself using Epson archival ink and Epson Enhanced Matte paper on an Epson 2200 printer. Using this setup, I can print images up to 12x18. I then mat them using white matting up to 18x24 and frame them

using elegant black metal frames," Garcia said.

The image itself was taken on a Canon Digital Rebel camera with an 18-55mm lens at 18mm.

"Wet Feet" has been exhibited in various places including several art fairs and is currently on exhibit in a Hell's Kitchen bar called Druids.

Garcia hopes the image brings people back to that stream.

"I want people to imagine their shoes filling with water and smelling the sweet spring air around them as they hear the sounds of water and nature," he said.

Garcia can be reached by email at info@reimundogarcia.com or by visiting his website: <http://www.reimundogarcia.com>

~Daniel P. Bader

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