

**“DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION 2000”**



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## THE STORY

This image was made during the 2000 Democratic National Convention held at The Staples Center in downtown Los Angeles. This was not only a definitive time for the nation, but also for me as a photographer, as I began to transition out of doing news. I covered political conventions in both 1992 and 1996, but I was still unprepared for the chaos of Los Angeles. Thousands of people, from every walk of life, took to the streets to voice their opinion as the Los Angeles Police Department enforced their own version of the law. What I love about these events is that they bring together people from so many causes, groups, etc, and I think this photo is a perfect example. Standing in front of a definitive Los Angeles landmark, these people appear completely unrelated even as they pass within inches of one another. I find this photo both confusing and also perfectly representative of the attending demographic of an American political convention.

## BIO

Daniel Milnor splits his time between the chaos of Southern California and the spiritual landscape of New Mexico. He is happiest with his notebook, Leica and trusty leather boots, sizing up whatever situation is happening in front of him. Milnor is former newspaper, magazine and commercial photographer who now tries to work solely on his own projects, projects that allow him to work in the fashion he feels most likely to produce images that go beyond the temporary. Milnor is also a member of the advisory board at Blurb, a print on demand book publishing company comprised of some of the most creative and talented folks he has ever encountered. He has taught at Art Center College of Design, The Santa Fe Photographic Workshops, The Julia Dean Workshops and is scheduled to teach in Peru, California and New Mexico in 2010. He has also found considerable success with his portrait work, which is presented by the agency Masterfile. But perhaps most importantly, Milnor is the author of the blog Smogranch, which allows him to speak his mind, post his mother's poetry and bring together like minded people around the globe.