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artist statement

Stranded is a meditation on the tension and desolation found on the shoulders of America's highways and interstates. My photos challenge the viewer to slow down and witness scenes of futility playing out in an uneasy and alien space. Within these photos we see the faces of the stranded, the evidence of lives broken down or lost on the side of the road. These moments occur in full view of hundreds of people speeding past, yet the images tell a solemn story of personal detachment and individual isolation from the broader society. The work functions as a statement on contemporary America and the tenuousness of our faith in technology, community, and traditional institutions of support.

biography

Amy Stein is a fine art photographer based in New York City. Her work explores our evolving isolation from community, culture, and the environment. She has been exhibited nationally and internationally and has been featured in publications such as *Photo District News*, *ARTnews*, *Vanity Fair Italia*, *Smithsonian* magazine and the *Washington Post*. In 2006 she was a winner of the Saatchi Galley/Guardian art competition for her *Domesticated* series.

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