

51 Of The Most Epic Long Exposure Shots Ever



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Usually, we are viewing photos that capture a short moment in time, but these stunning pictures are completely different. The intent of long exposure photography is to create an image that highlights the effect of *passing* time. There is no fixed definition of what constitutes "long" because a 30-minute picture of a static object might not be distinguishable from a short exposure. Therefore, the inclusion of motion (mostly through light art) is the main factor that adds intrigue to these interesting photos.

Bored Panda has compiled a list of interesting and innovative examples of long-exposure photography. It will not only please your eye but give you some ideas about what to look for when trying to achieve a similar creative photography effect as well. From traffic lights on an empty street to fireflies in a jar, the photographers behind these amazing photos certainly found an interesting way to picture their objects. Scroll down to enjoy the list and vote for your favorite entries!

#1 Departing Tram Long Exposure



Viktor Varga

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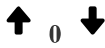
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jasmine chilton 3 years ago

hello train? where did you go... you a ghost now? D:



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#2 Milky Way Long-Exposure Looks Like Fractal Geometry



Christian Sasse

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Michel M. Prins 3 years ago

This looks like the most complex mandala drawing ever. I love it!



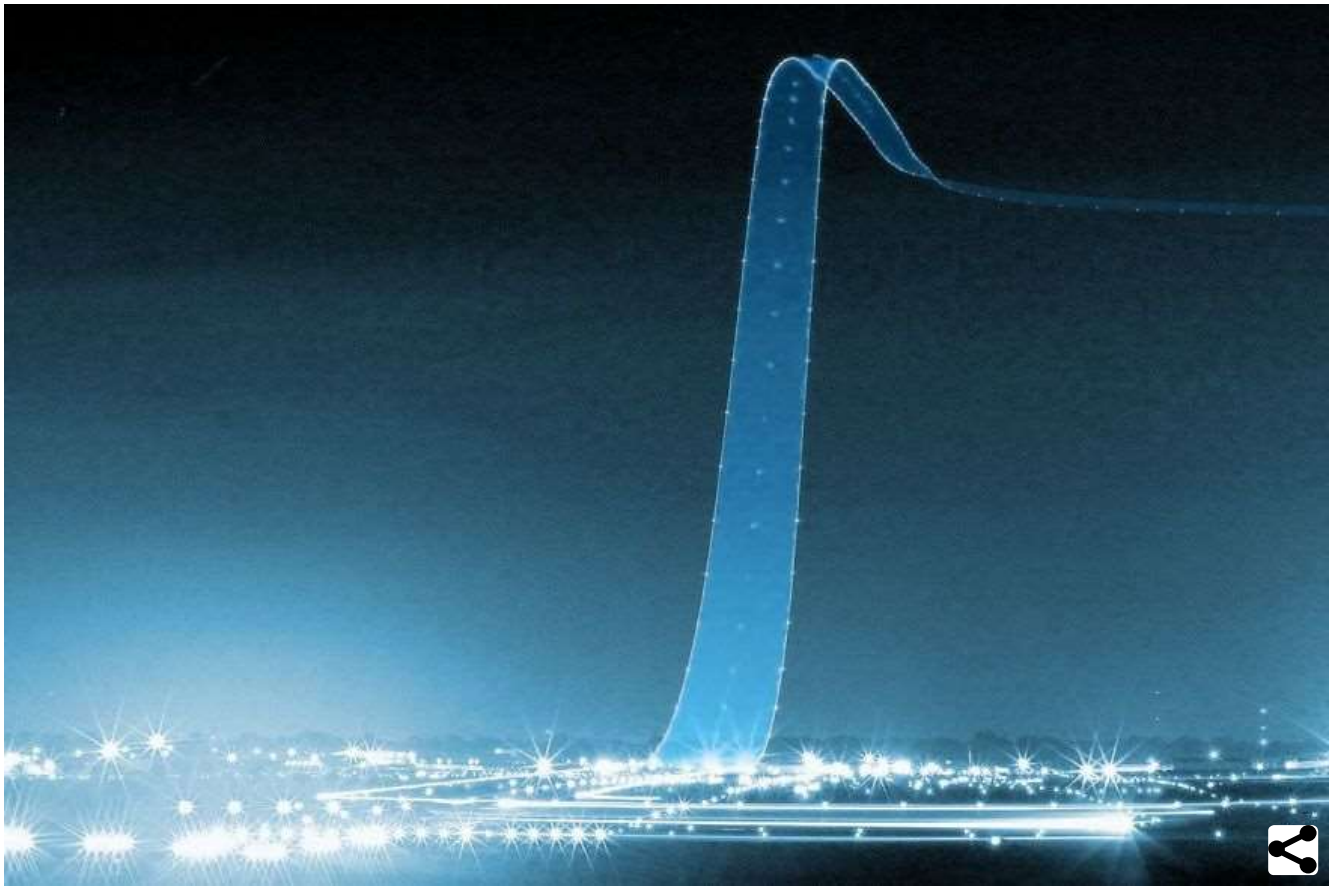
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#3 Long Exposure Photo Of A Plane Taking Off



Hilltopchill

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Looks like a neon highway for hovercrafts!



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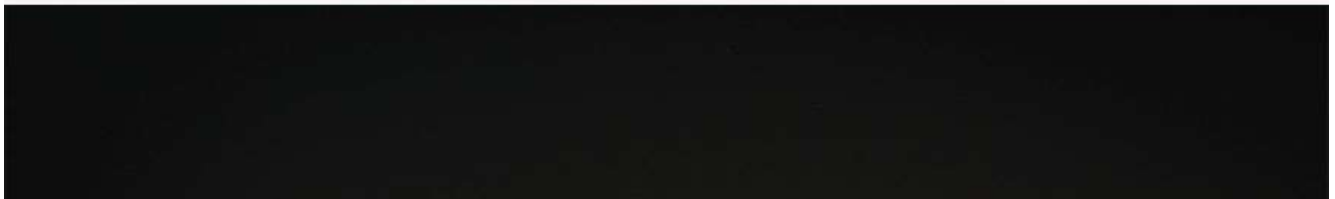


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#4 Traffic Light Long Exposure





Lucas Zimmermann

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Asia 3 years ago

So cool!



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#5 Long Exposure Of Fireflies In A Forest, Japan



spicedpumpkins

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Pol Macqueron *3 years ago*

I'm thinking Ghibli Grave of the fireflies... and now I'm crying



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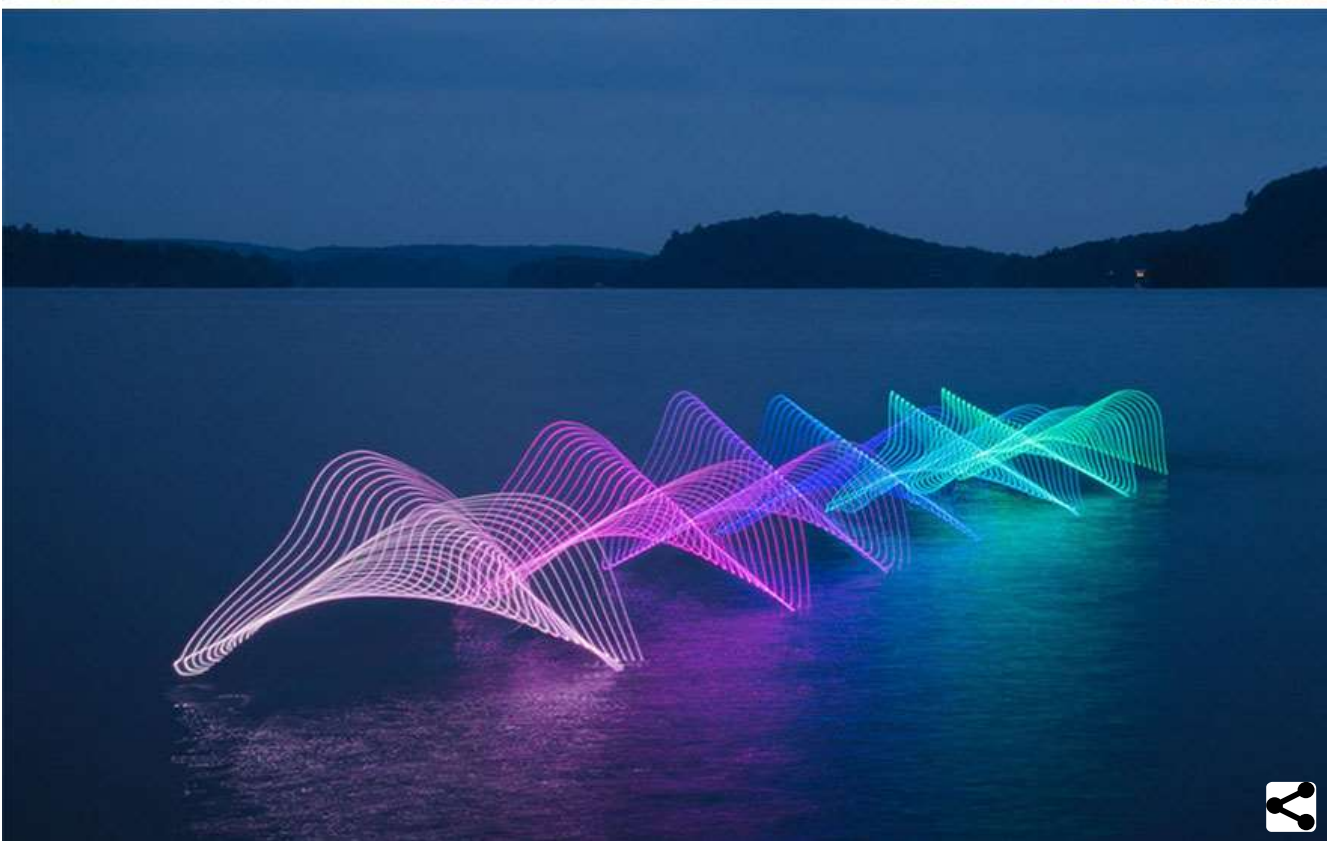
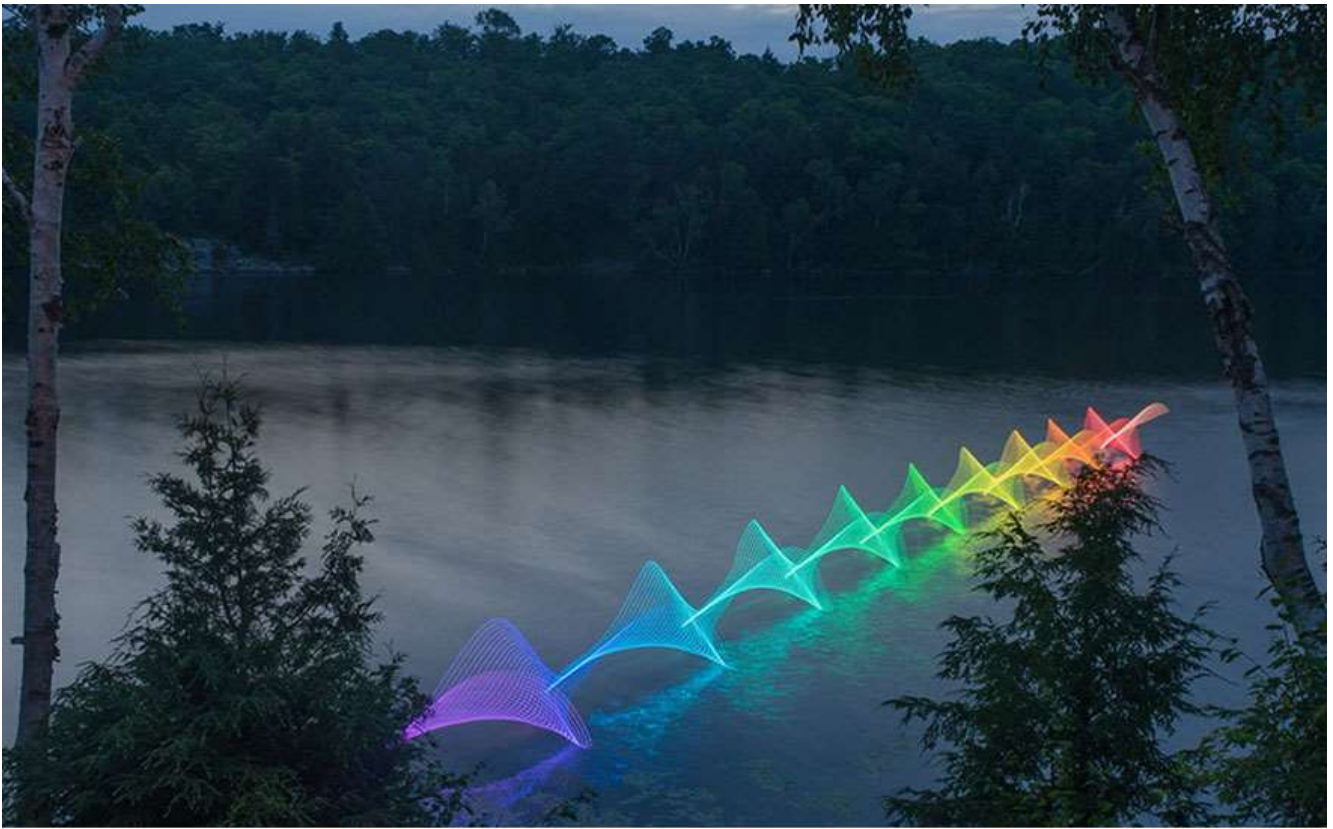


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#6 The Motions Of Canoers And Kayakers Revealed With Leds In Long Exposure Photography



Stephen Orlando

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Asia 3 years ago

These are amazing!

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#7 Long Exposure Of Ferris Wheel Looks Like It Has Stained Glass



Ayako Huzikawa

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Audrey 3 years ago

Wow beautiful !

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#8 Zoomed Out While Taking A Picture Of My Christmas Tree



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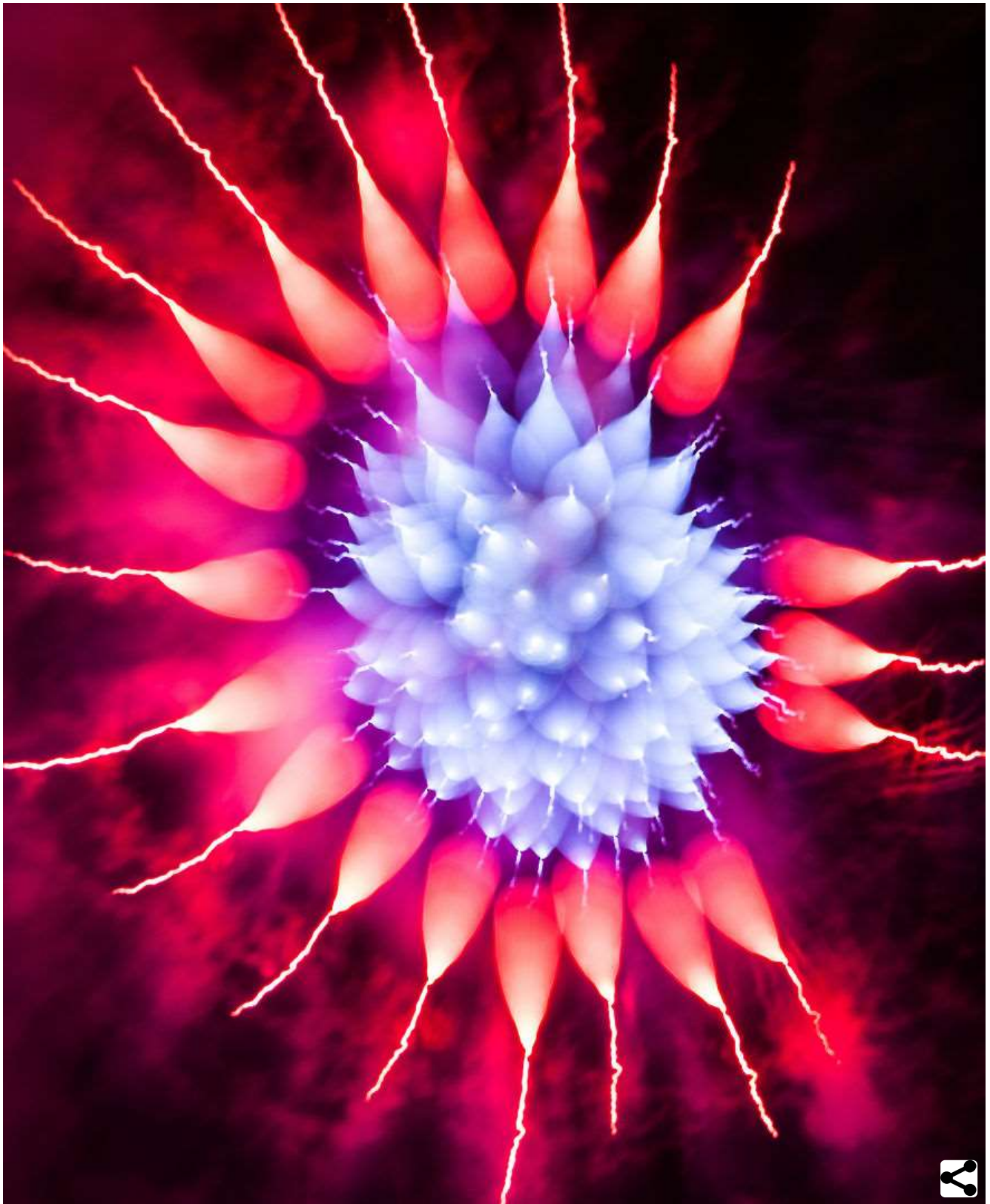
Mimis Nachbarin *3 years ago*

That's the spirit of Christmas coming out of your tree to fill your hearts... ;-)

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#9 Long Exposure Of Fireworks



Proteon

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Isabel Tamayo *3 years ago*

Sorry. Looks like an egg cell being attacked by sperm cells.

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#10 Long Exposure Of Bugs Under A Streetlamp



Tnargkiller

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Audrey 3 years ago

This is beautiful ! I love this one

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#11 I Used Some Led Lights To Spin A Forest Of Mushrooms Under The Milky Way



mohair69

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Peter Doré 3 years ago

No you didn't.



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#12 I Took This Long Exposure Shot Of A Pumpkin As My Lense Unknowingly Fogged Up



kudjo24

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Asia 3 years ago

Well, you've captured the spirit of haloween for sure :D

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#13 Long Exposure Of Helicopter Landing



Andreas Feininger

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Vlad Horobet 3 years ago

So the chopper goes down, then backwards, then down again. I'd frame this on my wall.



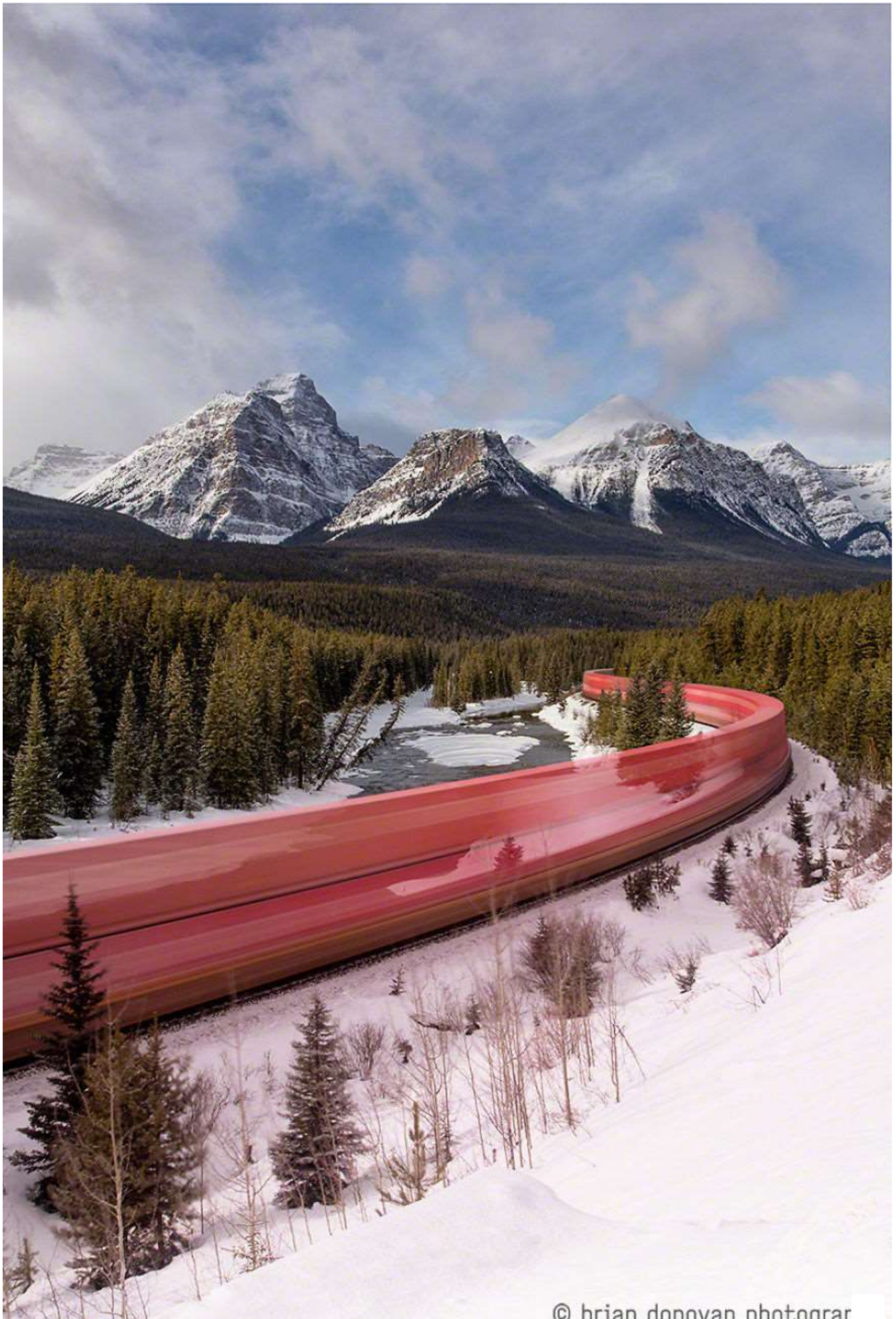
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#14 A Long Exposure Photo Of A Train Roaring Through The Canadian Rockies



DonTago

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Rainbow screen 3 years ago

Flash?



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#15 Long Exposure Of A Tilt-A-Whirl



Mehulat

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Châu Trần 3 years ago

Giant flaming yoyo



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#16 Long Exposure Of "Merry Go Round"



Sergei Kalinin

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Asia 3 years ago

My head is spinning a bit from looking at it :D Awesome!



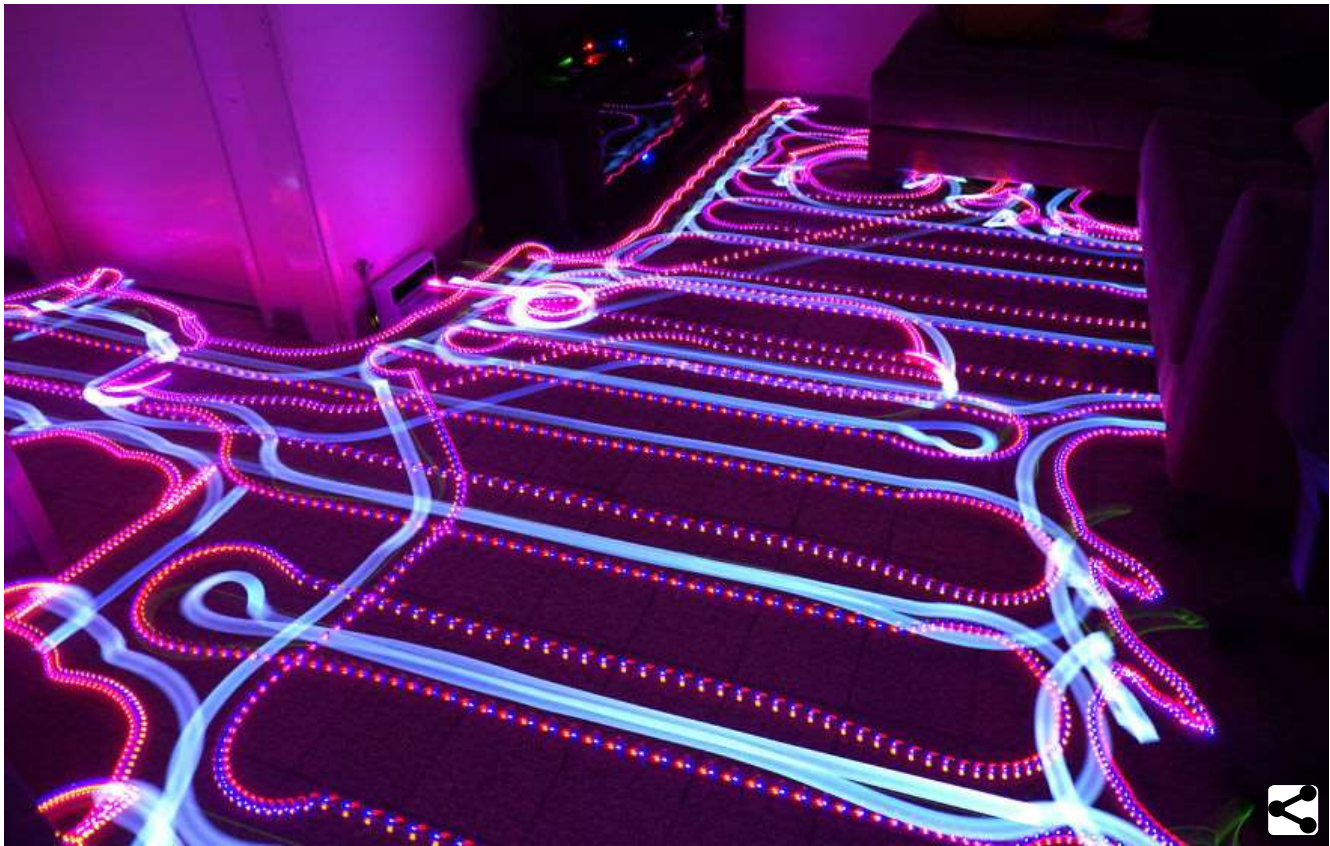
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#17 I Attached A Blinking Light To The Robot And Did A 10 Minutes Exposure Of It Cleaning The Living Room



benkol

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Jennifer Schrimpf 3 years ago

Missed a spot.



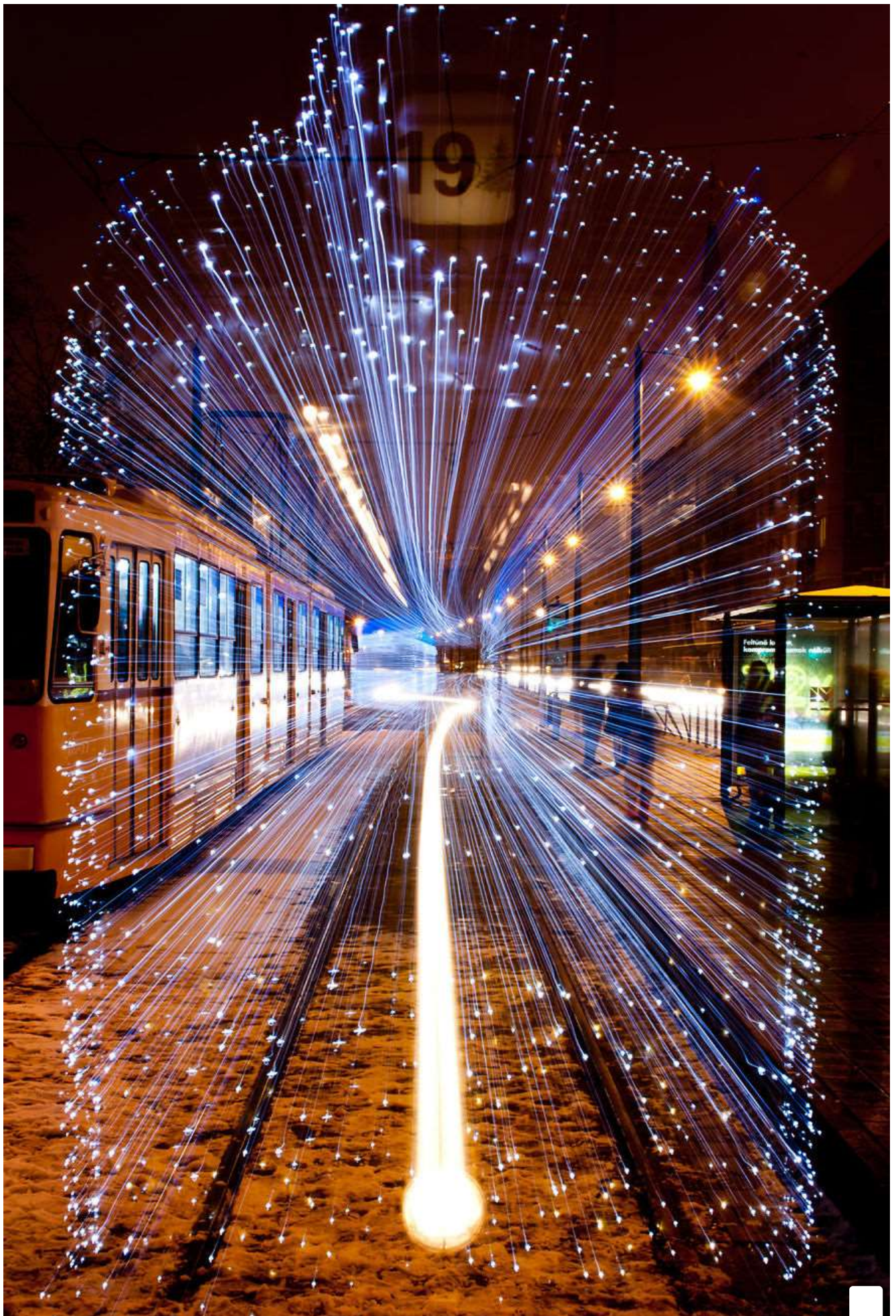
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#18 Long Exposure Of A Departing Tram In Budapest Covered With 30,000 Leds



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Vlad Horobet 3 years ago

The tram teleported. Or left with the speed of light. Or warped.

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#19 I Put Some Fireflies In A Jar And Did A Long Exposure For 3 Minutes. (Don't Worry I Let Them Go)



Heidi Stauff

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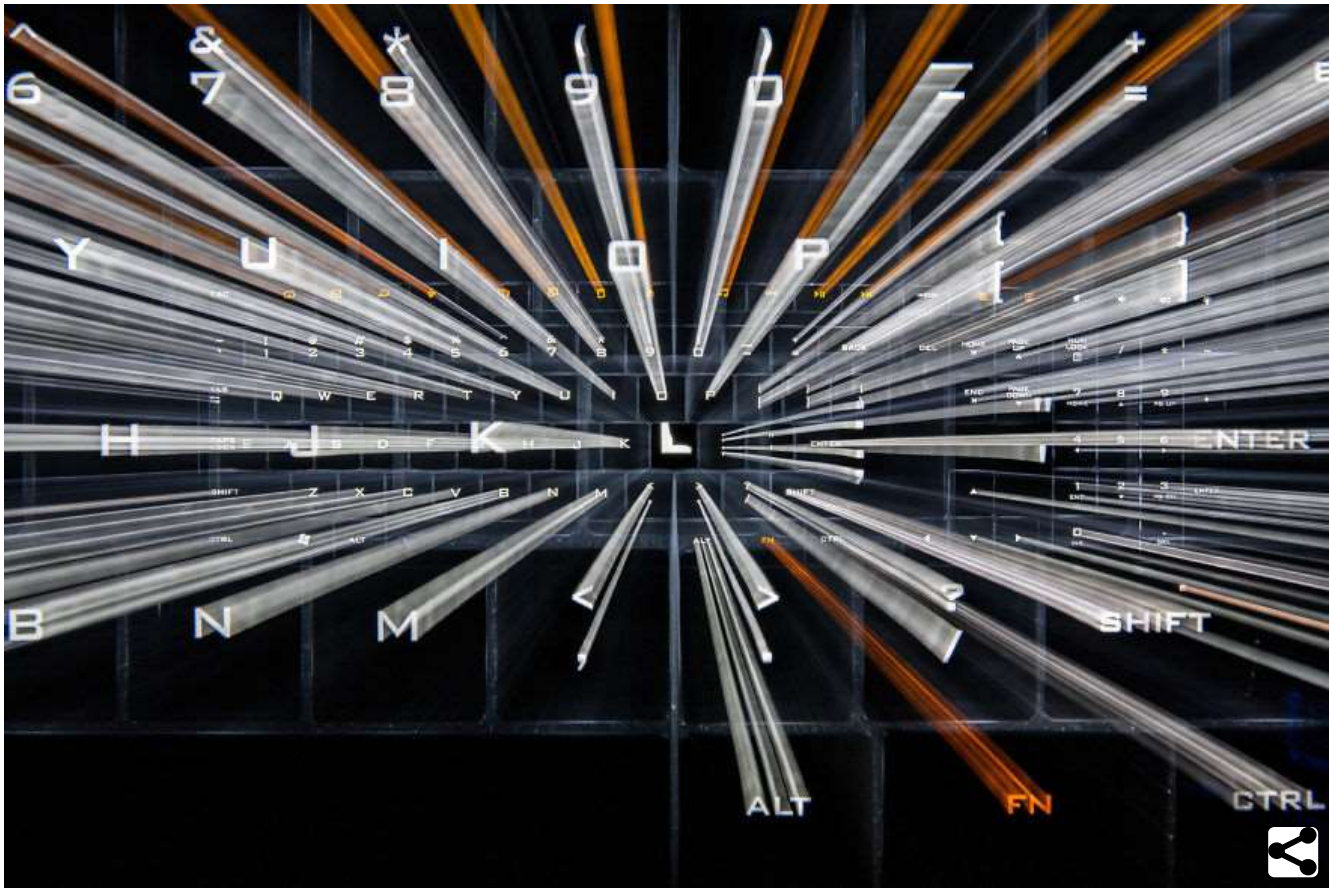
Michel M. Prins 3 years ago

Looks beautiful! This makes me even more curious to finally see fireflies, one day :D

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#20 Here Is A Long Exposure Zoom Keyboard



Luke_Dukem

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Eric G 3 years ago

How did you get it so "stable" while zooming?

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#21 Long Exposure Photography Of A Snowboarder With Leds On His Board



I_AM_STILL_A_IDIOT

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Michel M. Prins *3 years ago*

Hands down, one of the best shots in this gallery. Reminds me of those photos they use for mint products. I always loved those ones.

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#22 Long Exposure + Subway Tunnel =



steakmane



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Thomas Kolev *3 years ago*

I'm in the mood for strawberry ice cream now for some reason.

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#23 Long Exposure Of A Lighthouse



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Grown_Man_Poops

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Kim Lee 3 years ago

Bioshock



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#24 Long Exposure Photograph Of A Firework





teshmekei

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Thomas Kolev 3 years ago

What was that technique of Piccolo in DBZ called again?

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#25 Long-exposure Capture Of Moths Swarming A Light At Night



phototactic

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Vlad Horobet 3 years ago

Looks like some steampunk art.

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#26 Took This Photo Last Night By Zooming My Lens In And Out During A 10 Second Exposure. Had To Look Up And Make Sure The Building Hadn't Exploded After Reviewing The Picture. (no Photoshop)



Rellergic

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Mimis Nachbarin 3 years ago

Amazing!

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#27 Long Exposure Photography Of Lava Lamp Looks Like Some Galaxy Captured In A Jar



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Rainbow screen *3 years ago*

Why am I thinking about unicorns?



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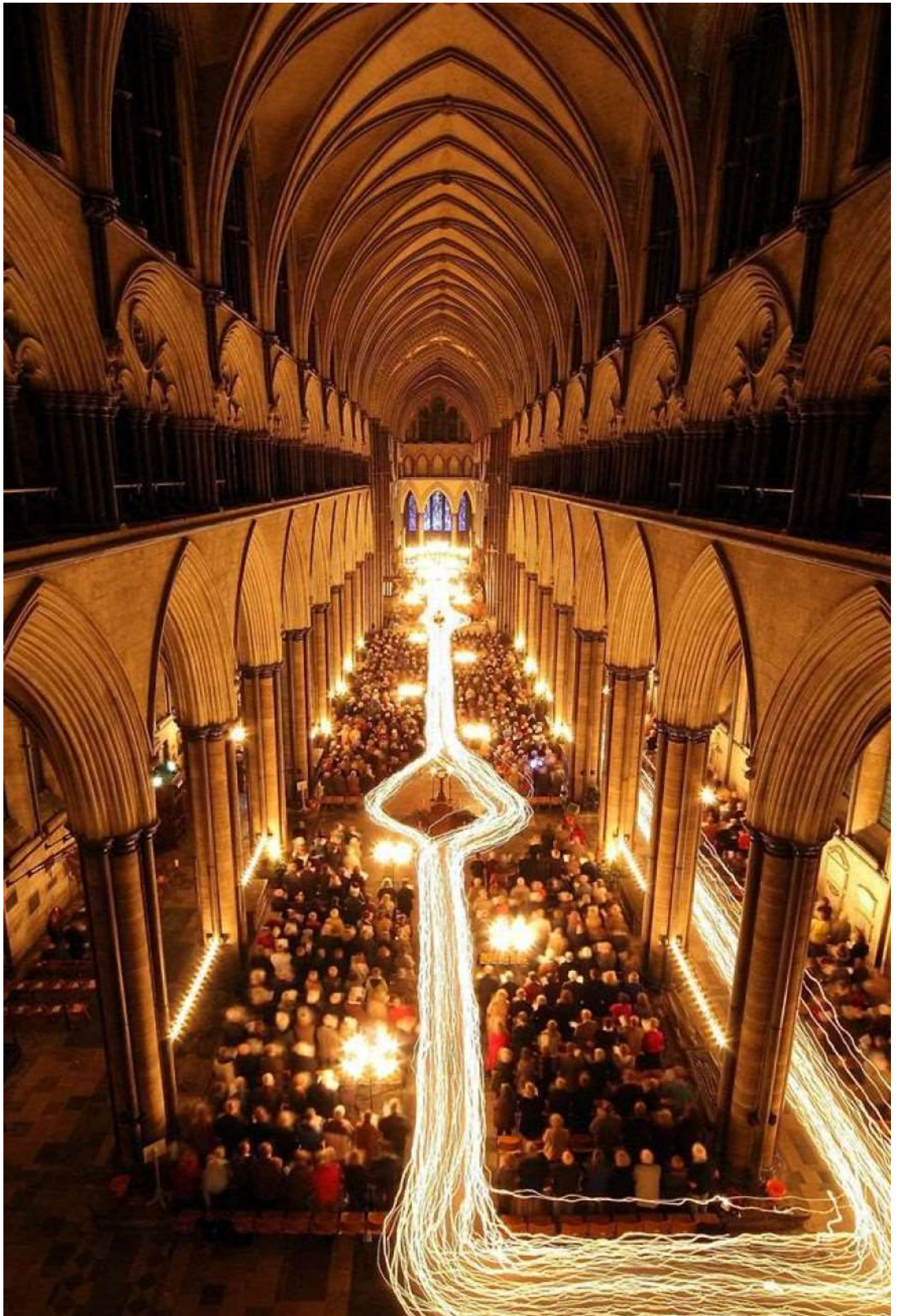


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#28 Long Exposure Photo Of Candle Procession At Salisbury Cathedral





jarheadsynapze

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Looks like a scene from harry potter dining hall.

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#29 Long Exposure Of Road



Christoph Schaarschmidt

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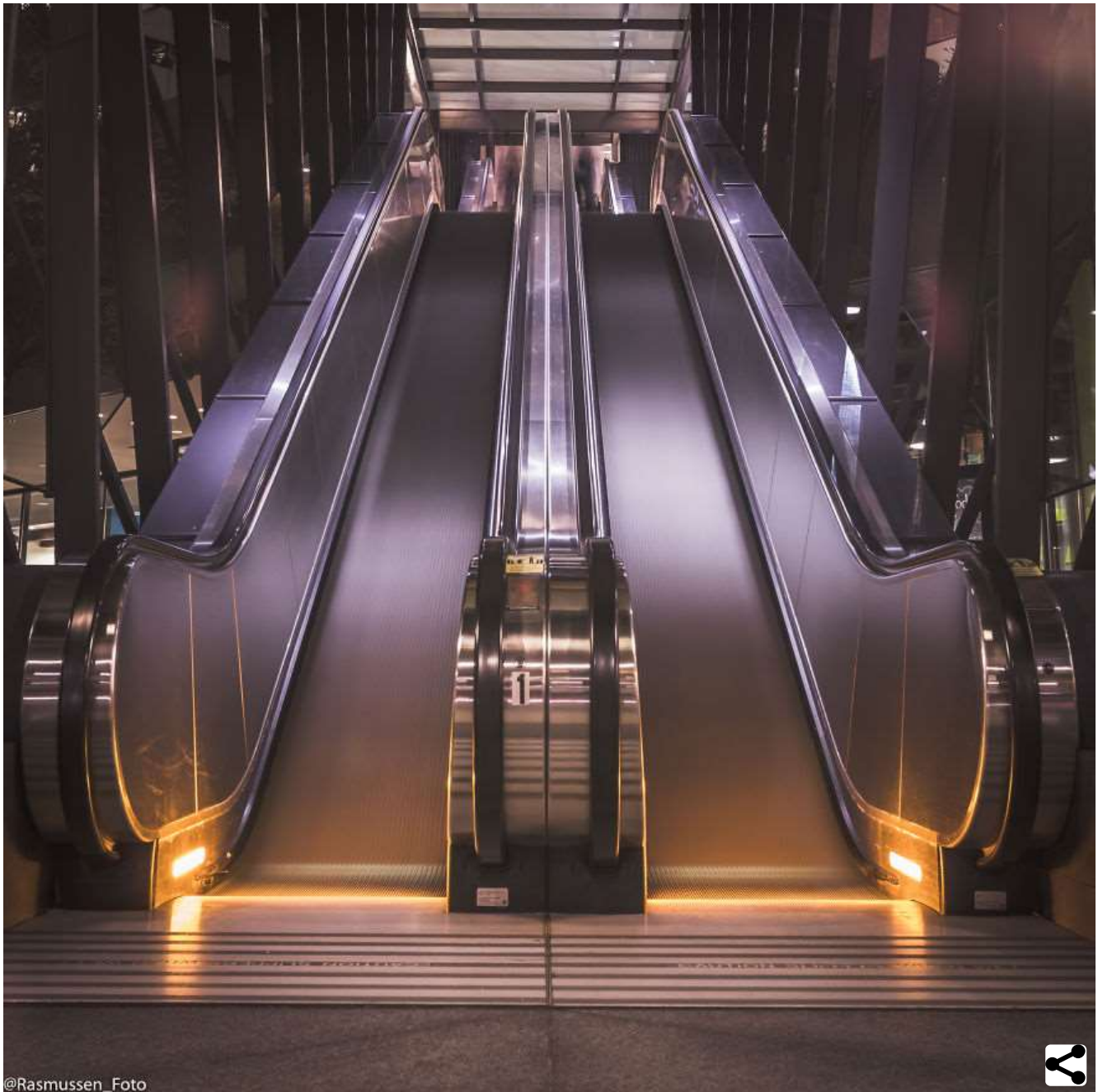
Aaron Ling 3 years ago

I need to know where this is . Looks like a dream to drive on :)

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#30 Escalator Long Exposure



@Rasmussen_Foto



rasmussen

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jasmine chilton 3 years ago

wow a new slide!!



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#31 Long Exposure Of Air Traffic Above San Francisco



exxonvaldez

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didi 3 years ago

The top image of the runways makes me think of spiders when they trail kite lines in the wind. How appropriate!



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#32 I Tied Glowsticks To My Hands And Feet And Took A Long Exposure Shot Of Me Rock Climbing



shatteredankle

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Vlad Horobet 3 years ago

the picture makes the story so much more interesting! Amazing!

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#33 Long Exposure Of A Roomba Vacuum With Color-changing Light On Top



KevlarYarmulke

Report

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didi 3 years ago

They're going to have threadbare carpet in the middle of the room.

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#34 A Long Exposure Of Our Planet As Seen Through The Windows Of The Iss's Cupola Module By Don Pettit, Nasa

Astronaut



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jasmine chilton · 3 years ago

wow



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#35 A Truck Passed In Front Of The Camera During A Long Exposure Shot



Shahar

bg1987



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jasmine chilton 3 years ago

ultimate photo bomb



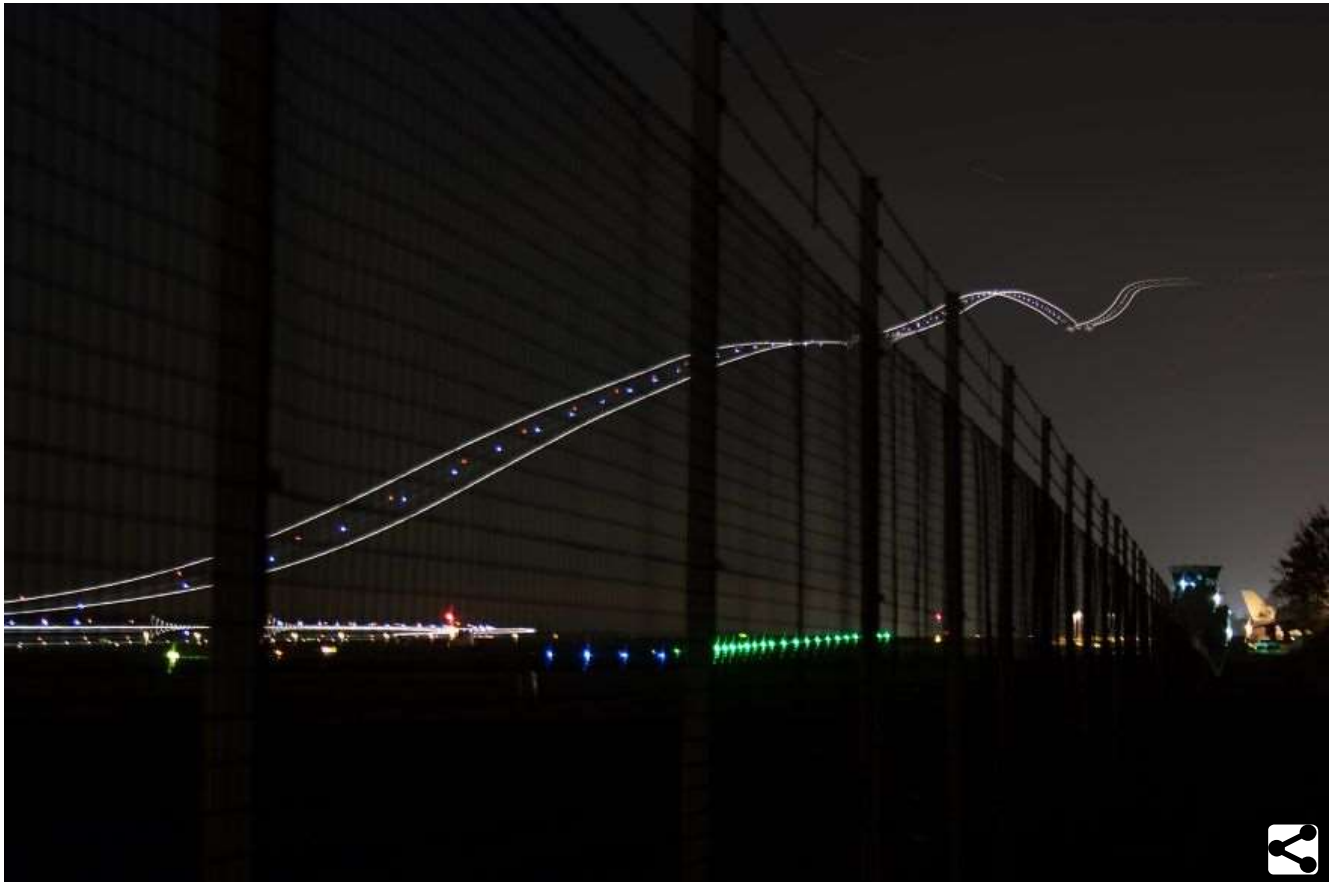
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#36 Long Exposure Of A Plane Taking Off



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Nghi Trần 3 years ago

Is this in Vietnam?



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#37 Long Exposure Shot Of A Carousel At Night



Yewbert

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KK 3 years ago

It's like a fire tornado.



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#38 My Long Exposure Photograph Of Tonight's Delta Iv Rocket Launch



johnkphotos

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Valdis 3 years ago

lol.. Looks like epic Golf ball shot from previous picture



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#39 Long Exposure Photo Of Fireworks



Terence Chang

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Vlad Horobet 3 years ago

Dementors!



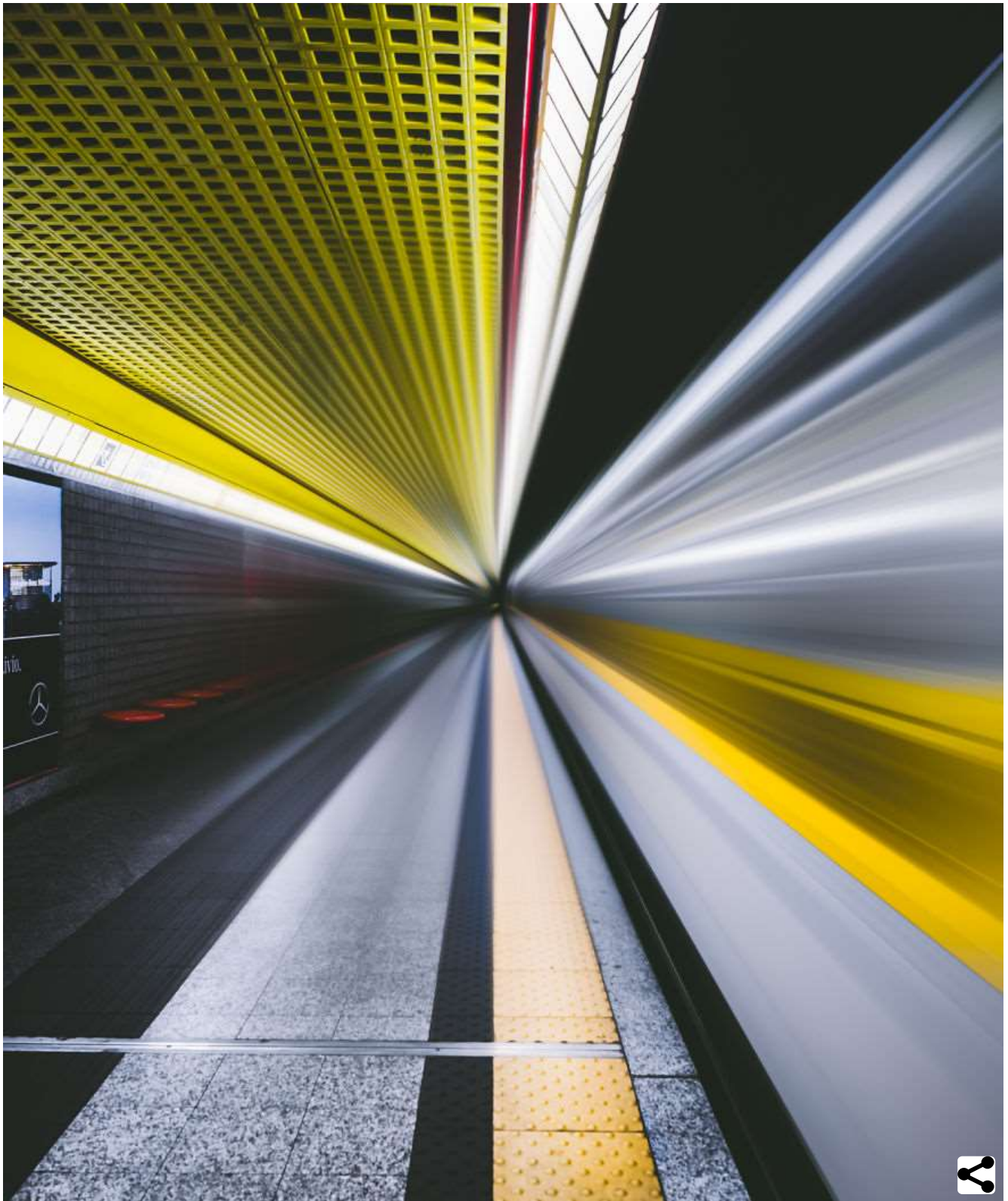
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#40 I Took A Long Exposure Of A Moving Train, And I Am Very Happy With The Result



then0mads0ul

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TC 3 years ago

Very neat



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#41 Long Exposure Shot Of Glow Sticks Dropped Into A Waterfall



akelly96

Report

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Mimis Nachbarin 3 years ago

Why did you throw glow sticks in a river? Not cool.



25



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#42 Long Exposure Of Hundreds Of Skiers Holding Flashlights



mike_pants

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Becca The Bear *3 years ago*

Looks like a fire



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#43 Long Exposure Of An Illuminated Golf Ball Shot



DonLeon1423

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Luck Yeah 3 years ago

Whizzing



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#44 While Playing Some Christmas Light Jump Rope, I Decided To Take A Long Exposure Photo



th3clara

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didi 3 years ago

Is that a thing now?



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#45 Roomba Led Long Exposure



dittidot

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didi 3 years ago

Where is all the neat organisation in a square grid of the other roomba on this feed?



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#46 Took A 4 Sec Exposure Of My Front Bike Tire With Some Post It Notes Attached To The Rungs



apdt75

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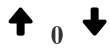
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Mimis Nachbarin 3 years ago

Looks like patchwork. Amazing!



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#47 Long Exposure Of Teacups



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Super Cat *3 years ago*

Oh my god , the lady on the tea cup looks like a ghost ! AS if the park is haunted and the photographer is the only other person there

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#48 Long Exposure Of Soyuz Launch To The Iss



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Vlad Horobet 3 years ago

Looks like some sort of ray is hitting the earth. "Beam me up, Scotty!"

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#49 Marathon Of Colour Long Exposure



thebrainguy

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TC 3 years ago

You have to find the equilibrium exposure between the runners and the static people. 1 second perhaps ?

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#50 Long Exposure Of A Peacekeeper Missile Testing



David James Paquin

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Dániel 3 years ago

Peacekeeper missile? Only in Earth... -.-



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#51 Long Exposure Of Speed Zones

