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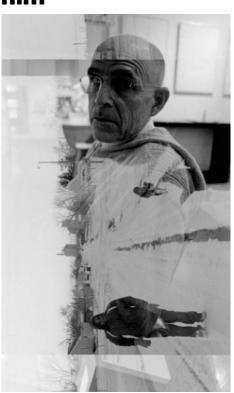
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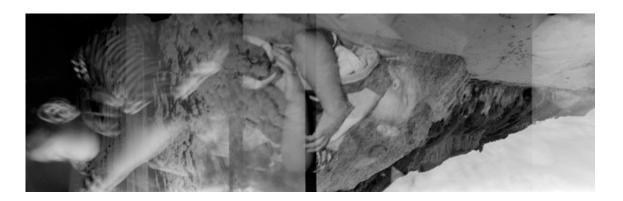
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Isamar Rebollar/Carlys Highbeau

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At the opening the students met for the first time face-to-face, "Photography opened a lot of doors for me. I'd never left South Dakota. I went to New York, now I'm in Los Angeles.," exclaimed Jesse Carlton, 16, who had worked hard to raise money for the trip. "We get to see them," says Erdmann, "in this magical space, their life bleeding into the other person's life in the form of these photos."

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