

Michael Paris Mazzeo is an artist, educator, and curator who has long traversed the line between art and commerce, having maintained a commercial photography practice and teaching studio since 1994, a highly regarded gallery in New York City from 2005 to 2012, and currently, an art gallery in Red Bank, NJ.

As founding director of the Michael Mazzeo Gallery, specializing in contemporary photography, he launched the careers of many emerging artists, awarding fifteen with their first New York City solo exhibitions and exhibiting the work of more than 130 others in group shows. The gallery is noted for having produced critically recognized exhibitions, publications, and events and for placing artists' works in prominent museums and private collections, including those of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Victoria and Albert Museum, and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Michael's most recent venture, Galerie Lucida in Red Bank, NJ, has become an important art venue for Monmouth County and beyond, providing the community with curated exhibitions, artist talks, and a monthly art salon. Since opening in November of 2023, the gallery has presented two solo and nine group exhibitions, exhibiting work in all media.

Michael has been a featured portfolio reviewer at photography festivals and conferences including FotoFest, Photolucida, The International Center for Photography (ICP), and the Society for Photographic Education, among other organizations.