

## **Wet Collodion Negatives and Prints Workshop**

The wet collodion process was one of the first photographic processes and turned out to be the most important one of the 19th Century. Almost all pictures known from the Victorian era, President Lincoln or the American Civil War were taken this way.

Collodion photography started in the 1850's with negatives and prints. The collodion negative can yield an incredible range of tones and dynamic, which is perfectly matched by 19th century print out papers like salted paper and albumen paper. The tonal range of a well-made salt print is barely surpassed by any other photographic paper.

In this workshop you will learn how to make your own wet collodion negatives; coating the plates, sensitizing, exposing the plate, developing, fixing and eventually intensifying the negative for a greater density.

On the second day you'll print your negatives on hand coated photographic papers; starting with salt prints but if time allows, you can also try the Vandyke process or Cyanotypes.

You will use Michael's large format cameras and he'll provide all photographic materials as well as safety equipment. Special photographic skills or experience with large format cameras is not required.

You will be working with silver nitrate, which eventually produces durable stains, so you will need to wear something black or bring appropriate work clothes. Also please bring a box big enough to carry 7x5in plates.

There is limited parking at the centre, but there is on street parking available free on Saturdays and meter charges on weekdays. You are advised to bring a packed lunch as there are limited food outlets available in the local area.

Time: 9.30am – 5pm

Address: School of Creative Arts  
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The workshops will take place in the Dept. of Photography, which is located on the third floor in Block B of Bower Ashton Campus. Directions can be found here: <http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/comingtouwewe/howtofindus.aspx>