



**Mental Health Connection and  
Fort Worth Museum of Science and History  
Present:**

**"Fine Line: Mental Health/Mental Illness"  
By: Michael Nye**

**September 23-December 3, 2006  
Fort Worth Museum of Science and History  
1501 Montgomery Street  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107**

From September through December 2006, Mental Health Connection will sponsor the photography/audio exhibit, "Fine Line: Mental Health/Mental Illness" at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. This exhibit by artist [Michael Nye](#) fights the stigma of mental illness by presenting real people who have mental illness.

The black and white photos, all taken with an 8" x 10" camera to ensure exquisite detail and depth, are accompanied by the subjects' voices telling their own stories. Visitors see and hear from individuals with schizophrenia, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety disorder and bipolar disorder. The exhibit confronts stereotypes and reveals the courage and fragility of those living with mental illnesses.

With simplicity and eloquence, the portraits and voices draw the viewer closer into each life by addressing and exploring such topics as family, confusion, pain, abuse, treatment and healing.

Deeply personal stories take you inside complicated issues where empathy and understanding begin. Each face invites you to listen. Nye's goal is to let individuals with mental illness tell their stories while painting them as human beings who simply want to be included in the lives of other people.

Nye conceived the exhibit, "Fine Line: Mental Health/Mental Illness" after losing two close friends to suicide. He saw his friends' struggles, along with the struggles of others he knew with mental illness. And he could see mental illness is not something that happens to "them" and not "us."

"There's just us," he says.

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