



Ahwahnee Hotel, Jonas Kulikauskas, 2014

The concept for Yosemite People was sparked by chance while I waited for my oatmeal in the grand dining room of the historic Ahwahnee Hotel in January 2014. As I was enjoying the scenery of Yosemite National Park through 16-foot-tall windows, a member of the wait staff crossed in front of me, obstructing my view. With one clean, crisp motion, she threw a tablecloth into the air and neatly laid it flat. She then proceeded to painstakingly iron out the creases with her hands. I could feel the care being transferred to the next guest. It was lovely. I reached for my camera and took a shot. Although views of Half Dome and Yosemite Falls were mere steps away, my preference was to photograph this person...this moment. Inspired, I ran with this theme and returned to the park with my 35mm camera 19 times over a two-year period.

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