



Dance

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- **Dance** is the fourth title in Sean Palfrey's photography book series, featuring previously unpublished work produced over five decades of artistic output
- **Dance** presents Palfrey's lyrical writings in concert with an array of stunning, poetic images created by him from an extensive archive of photographs that he has built up over decades
- Alongside his passion for photography, Sean Palfrey has had an illustrious career as a pediatrician, dean at Harvard University, parent, and advocate for national and global child health programs and policies

What presents itself to our minds when we hear the word "dance"? Movement, music, and rhythm, of course. The jitterbug and the slow waltz. But what if we go beyond the obvious?

Dance, the fourth volume in Sean Palfrey's photography series, seeks to expand our conception of dance, to see it in the graceful shape of a flower or leaf, in the elegant cursive of a spiral staircase, and in the joyfully uplifted arm of the newly-wed.

Palfrey is a renowned pediatrician and child health advocate who travels the world with his work and for pleasure. His fascination with people, places, and stories informs both his artistic and his professional practice. In **Dance**, Palfrey has curated a beguiling set of images that riff on movement and stillness, rhythm and flow, and the poetry of the curve. He asks us to consider the form of the ancient, gnarled tree, or the sinuous line of the winding river – these too can be dance.

Sean Palfrey has had an illustrious career as a pediatrician, Faculty Dean at Harvard University, and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Public Health at Boston University. Simultaneously, Palfrey has spent a lifetime exploring the boundaries of image-making through photography, with his work as a doctor informing his practice. In addition to being a teacher, dean, and clinician, he served as president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and he has been a legislative advocate for child health programs and policies since the 1970s. Palfrey exhibits his photography in solo and group shows frequently in the USA.