Push Pin Portraits

Materials:

1. Portrait
2. Matte Board
3. Heavy Duty Tin Foil
4. Clear Tape
5. Push Pins
6. Enlarger
7. Photo Paper
8. Darkroom Chemicals

**Push Pin Process:**

1. Select a portrait from any of your available resources including self portraits, magazine ads, books or internet imagery. Choose photographs with good contrast and color. Images with drastic side lighting or shadows create unique end results.
2. Try and select an image large enough to fit on an 8 x 10 sheet of paper.
3. Stack your materials in the following order. Using clear tape create a hinge to keep them together. Be careful not to rip your tin foil!

**Portrait on top**

**Tin Foil in the middle**

**Matte Board on the bottom**

4. Focus on the shadow and detail areas of your portrait. Using a push pin, poke through the portrait, making sure to pierce the tin foil. Avoid making your holes too large and avoid outlining! Use implied lines to give the picture depth and detail.

**Darkroom Process:**

1. Take only the tin foil into the darkroom.

**Glass on Top**

**Tin Foil Portrait**

**Photo Paper Shinny Side Up**

**Enlarger Baseboard**

1. Printing Push Pin Portrait: Light = Brightest setting Print = 10 seconds Develop

Adjust time as needed.

1. Making negative and positive prints form your paper (not tin foil) portrait. Same process as above except:

Negative Print: Light = Three clicks down Print = 10 seconds Develop

Positive Print: Light = Brightest light Print= 10 seconds Develop