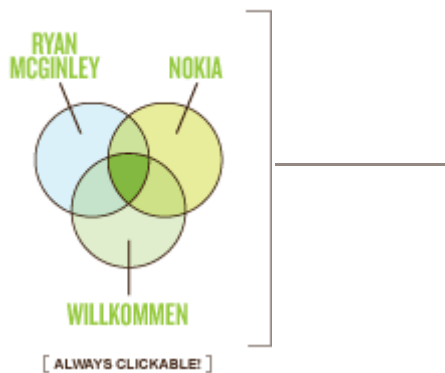




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Life Isn't a Cabaret After All



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3.1: Pictures from My Phone

Joel Grey might be best known to some for playing master of ceremonies in *Cabaret* (on stage *and* on film) or as the father of *Dirty Dancing*'s Jennifer Grey. But for the past few years, he's been stealthily growing as a photographer, and publishing his work in carefully designed books so appealing that they're almost art objects in themselves.

His third published collection, *1.3 Pictures From My Phone*, is a handsome, compact tome that's just about twice the size of the Nokia 133 he used to shoot. Grey's photos are gritty—not because of the tiny 1.3-megapixel lens so much as his subject matter: tattered street billboards, dirty New York subway stations, lonely and eerie dwellings from other places in the world. Combined, the pictures convey a sense of moodiness and subtle longing, the ever-evocative feelings of travel. A selection is available to peruse online, but we recommend seeing the entire assortment.