

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 'Detroit Night Shoot'

7:32 sunset (all times are PM)

Tigers and Lions are both playing away games.

People Mover and Q-Line close at midnight.

Bring: normal lens, 200 or 300 mm lens for nearby details and abstracts, and for photos at a distance from Grand Circus Park, and then Tripod, Remote Shutter Release and Jacket for after dark.

3:15 Carpool leaves Panera at VanDyke/16 Mile, or drive yourself and park with us at **One Campus Martius Garage, 1140 Farmer St, Detroit**. It should cost \$10 from 3PM until 1AM (I'll monitor this price). The end of your Group Shoot might be a people mover ride, and this garage is connected with the Cadillac Center People Mover Station for an easy trip home.

4:15 Meet outside the Cadillac Center People Mover Station (just outside the garage, right across Gratiot from the Skillman Library), depart for a 1/4 mile stroll to photograph the **Hudson Buildings**, People Mover track, trains, people. We'll go north on Library, Farmer, left into Parker's Alley, right on John R, Left on Broadway.

5:00 Dinner at [Detroit Beer Company](#), 1529 Broadway Ave, Detroit (use Broadway People Mover Station if you're joining us here instead) (backup plan: Buddy's Pizza, at the Grand Circus Park end of Broadway)

6:15 Photograph **Grand Circus Park**, sunset is at 7:32. Subjects include the park itself, beautiful buildings lining its edges, distant views of Hudson Tower, Book Tower & Broderick Tower, views down Broadway, Woodward, Washington Blvd, and up Woodward. People who want to leave from here now can go to the Grand Circus People Mover Station (11 stops to Cadillac Center) or the Q-Line (1 stop to Campus Martius)

8:00 Walk north on the east side of Woodward, to the **Fox Theater**, then walk to the front of **Comerica Park** on Witherell, and take it south back to Grand Circus Park. Expect to reach the Grand Circus Park people mover station at about 9:00. If you'd like, you can leave from there via People Mover or Q-Line.

9:00 Walk 3 blocks south on the west side of Woodward to photograph the street and building lights, Q-Line, people, and the ever-changing difference in your viewpoint of the two **Hudson Buildings** and their relationship to each other as you walk. Turn left onto Gratiot Ave, just past the Hudson Tower, and walk back into Library Park at 10:00. If you'd like to leave now, your car should be here.

10:00 The **nightscapes from Library Park** can be quite nice. Those who stay can photograph the night-time version of the place where we started. Both Hudson Buildings should be faintly lit by construction lights inside, the back side of One Campus Martius is often lit up, and the stairway for the Z-Park-B is brightly lit. The compositions change as you walk north on Library and Farmer streets.

11:00 Leave downtown and return to carpool location

P.S. If there is interest, I'll be happy to mentor the group or individuals to capture a superb city-at-night HDR photo with no blown highlights and great shadow details. Just bring a tripod, a remote shutter release, and learn beforehand how to set your camera to manual mode, manual focus, and how to set ISO, Aperture, and Shutter Speed by yourself. Also how to disable flash, if applicable. Then I can quickly guide you through the process of capturing the photos, and hand-out the Lightroom steps to create the final HDR at home.