

LIGHTS OF ATTENTION



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I wasn't really inspired to create this piece of work by any one thing. I was sitting on the grass next to my friends during a fireworks show last summer, and I took lots of photos of the fireworks. And some of my friends looking up at the fireworks, but I remember about halfway through the show, I saw someone in front of us just staring at their phone and I got this picture.

I think there's lots of ways to interpret it, which is an obvious thing to say, but it's true. I think you can take it at face value and see a person so distracted by this one piece of technology, that they're missing this beautiful light show. But I think you can also take it the opposite way, where everyone in this crowd is completely transfixed looking at this one collection of light that they think is so interesting but in reality is completely meaningless. And then you have this one person not looking at it and looking at their own light.

