

THE EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHY FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS FEBRUARY 2024 PROGRAMME

RETURNING FOR ITS TWENTIETH YEAR WITH OVER 150 VISUAL ARTISTS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS EXHIBITING IN CALGARY, BANFF, CANMORE, CROWSNEST PASS, EDMONTON, PEACE RIVER & RED DEER!

The Exposure Photography Festival is pleased to announce its twentieth anniversary programme happening in Alberta in February. Exposure 2024 promises to be an expansive and exciting festival edition with exhibitions presented in galleries, museums, local businesses and outdoor locations in Calgary, Banff, Canmore, Crowsnest Pass, Edmonton, Peace River & Red Deer. This year's exhibition programme shares a wide range of narratives, subjects, practices, and explorations of the photographic medium drawing attention to Calgary and Alberta as the site of an active, growing, creative community in the field of photography.

Exposure's curated exhibitions, the *International Open Call* and *Emerging Photographers Showcase*, will be hosted at <u>Contemporary Calgary</u> (February 2 – March 3), a significant visual arts destination dedicated to modern and contemporary art. The exhibitions present a broad range of works, including photocollage, conceptual photography, politically engaged practices and works that embrace social and individual experience, as well as visual explorations of identity and personal narratives.

The Exposure 2024 International Open Call exhibition will feature the work of photographers and visual artists based around the world who incorporate, celebrate, or challenge the photographic medium within their practices. Selected by the Exposure Team and Lillian O'Brien Davis, curator and writer based in Toronto, the exhibition will present the works of contemporary practitioners based in Brazil, Canada, Ethiopia, Morocco, Slovakia, United Kingdom, and United States.

The Exposure 2024 Emerging Photographers Showcase celebrates the rich talent of early-career practitioners who are based in the province. Selected by the Exposure Team and Janine Windolph (Atikamekw/Woodland Cree), Director of Indigenous Arts at Banff Centre Arts and Creativity, the exhibition provides an insight into our dynamic and growing community of fine art photographers here in the region.

The Exposure 2023 Emerging Photographer of the Year award exhibition will also be hosted at Contemporary Calgary (February 2 – March 3). This prestigious award provides an Alberta-based emerging artist with a platform to show their work while furthering their professional practice. Exposure's Festival Manager, Bethany Kane, mentors and supports the artist in developing their vision in the best possible way. Selected by Tiffany Jones, Publisher of Overlapse, the award recipient Elyse Longair will be presenting a solo collage exhibition during the 2024 festival.

For the seventh consecutive year, Exposure has brought the *Flash Forward Incubator Program* to Alberta, in partnership with the Toronto-based <u>The Magenta Foundation</u>. The *Flash Forward Incubator Program* exhibition will feature the work of students from the 2023/24 participating schools: Westmount Charter School in Calgary and Eastglen School in Edmonton.

Exposure Fence: *People & Place*, is an outdoor exhibition at Calgary's Olympic Plaza, presented in partnership with the Chinook Blast Festival. Curated by Beth Kane, *People & Place* presents the work of visual artists based in Treaty 6 and 7

territories, also known as Southern Alberta. The work and perspectives of this dynamic group of exhibiting artists provide us with both celebratory and critical visual insights regarding the complex, intertwined relationships between people and place within these traditional territories. In addition to activating public space in Calgary's downtown core, the exhibition promotes wider understandings and increased access to the art of photography and visual storytelling, amplifying impactful narratives and connecting artists to a wide audience.

Exposure continues to provide innovative ways for Calgarians to engage with the arts and in partnership with Pattison Outdoor Advertising, Exposure will present a public showcase of the work of 30 local and international artists and photographers. Exposure Billboard will be hosted on a digital billboard located at Macleod Trail & 9 Ave SE (February 5 – February 11).

The Exposure events programme will continue to provide opportunities to learn, participate, connect, and celebrate photography. For 2024, the festival will host EXPOSURE CONVERSATIONS a new 3-part event series that explores topics impacting our society and responds to Exposure's curated exhibitions. These informal events will be held at Contemporary Calgary and will include Conversations with Newcomer Artists, on the Family Archive and Healing Through the Arts.

Exposure will again be hosting its annual Portfolio Review. This professional development event provides a unique opportunity to present photographic work to some of the most influential leading professionals in photography worldwide—from curators to practitioners, editors to educators. The 2024 event will take place on Saturday 10 February (online) and Saturday 24 February (Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary).

The Exposure 2024 exhibition programme encompasses over 20 shows including group and solo exhibitions and diverse curatorial themes that audiences can engage with in arts and non-arts spaces throughout the province. Venues include The Alberta Society of Artists, Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts), Christine Klassen Gallery, Crowsnest Pass Public Art Gallery, cSPACE Marda Loop, Esker Foundation, Herringer Kiss Gallery, Sparrow Artspace, Three Sisters Gallery, The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, Willock & Sax Gallery and more!

FULL EXHIBITION PROGRAM

EXPOSURE CURATED: Exposure 2024 International Open Call, Contemporary Calgary | Exposure 2024 Emerging Photographers Showcase, Contemporary Calgary | Exposure 2023 Photographer of the Year Award: Elyse Longair, Contemporary Calgary | Flash Forward Incubator Program, Contemporary Calgary | Exposure Billboard, Digital Billboard - Macleod Trail & 9 Ave SE.

CALGARY: The Artist's Lens 2024: Body, The Alberta Society of Artists | Red Door Exhibit, Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts) | FINE ART PRINTING ON ALUMINUM, Big Metal Prints | Julya Hajnoczky & Bryce Krynski, Christine Klassen Gallery | SNAPSHOTS, Leigh Reed, cSPACE Marda Loop | Food Found Forgotten, Shallon Cunningham, cSPACE Marda Loop | Chopped Liver - Portraits, cSPACE Marda Loop | Shadows Passing, Sean P Drysdale, cSPACE Marda Loop | Crossing Boundaries - Capturing the Human Condition, Dipankar Mukheriee, cSPACE Marda Loop | Into the Light of Africa, Kristin Duff, cSPACE Marda Loop | Temporary Lifetimes (Presented by National accessArts Centre), Dandy Brewing Company | JUAN ORTIZ-APUY: TROPICANA, Esker Foundation | RHONDA WEPPLER & TREVOR MAHOVSKY: EDELWEISS, Esker Foundation | LUCIA HIERRO: COROTO Y AJUARES, Esker Foundation | LEONARD SURYAJAYA: PARTING GIFT FOR QUARANTINE BLUES, Esker Foundation | Forgotten, Dan Gordon, Framed on Fifth | After the Flood, Chris Cran, Herringer Kiss Gallery | Wild Suburb, Mitch Kern, Herringer Kiss Gallery | The Memory Palace: Julya Hajnozcky & Stephanie Jager, Sparrow Artspace | MUSE, Studio 122 | CALGARY CITYSCAPES, Visual College of Arts and Design | Hans Sungpil: Frozen Fire/ Hot Ice, TrepanierBaer Gallery.

BANFF: Arto Djerdjerian: Ya Ha Tinda Ranch, The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies | Hans P. Berkhout: A Natural Solitude, The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies | Yixing Teapots, Ray van Nes, Willock & Sax Gallery.

CANMORE: Beyond the Bow Valley, Canmore Art Guild | Friends in Focus, Three Sisters Gallery.

CROWSNEST PASS: The Nameless Boy who gave his name to Sunday, Joel Matthew Warkentin, Crowsnest Pass Public Art Gallery.

EDMONTON: InFocus Photo Exhibit & Awards 2024, Wild Skies Art Gallery.

PEACE RIVER: Mother Earth - Boreal Beauty, ART HUB in Peace River.

RED DEER: Louie Palu: Distant Early Warning, Red Deer Museum + Art Gallery.

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