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Joslyn Art Museum presents Military Family Day and Artpost Exhibition; All Are Welcome!



(Omaha, NE) – On Saturday, November 5, Joslyn Art Museum commemorates the contribution of our community's veteran and military families and debuts Artpost, an exhibition of artworks created by local veterans working in tandem with professional artists.

Free and open to all, the event, held from 10 am to 2 pm, will feature:

- a panel presentation by members of the Artpost project (10 am; doors open at 9:45 am)
- a screening with Q&A of *Project 22*, a documentary raising awareness and hope regarding veterans and suicide (11:15 am)
- docent-guided tours exploring war and peace in art (10:30 am & 1 pm)
- hands-on art activities including a collaborative project celebrating freedom
- information about opportunities and community resources available to support military and veteran families; participants may visit with representatives from Metropolitan Community College Military/Veterans Services, Nebraska Army National Guard Child and Youth Program, Soldiers Angels, Ted E. Bear Hollow, and UNO's Office of Military and Veteran Services.
- a lively performance of patriotic music by Offutt Brass (*pictured above*), an ensemble of the United States Air Force Heartland of America Band (1:15 pm)

All galleries will be open for viewing; general public adults with military ID will receive free entry to the ticketed exhibition *Dirt Meridian: Photographs by Andrew Moore* (youth tickets to *Dirt Meridian* are always free). Find the complete schedule at www.joslyn.org/artpost or on Facebook @joslynartmuseum.

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Artpost and Military Family Day at Joslyn Art Museum

ABOUT THE ARTPOST PROJECT

Artpost is a partnership between Joslyn and New Century Art Guild, a non-profit organization that offers professional, recreational, and therapeutic services to veterans and their families through the medium of art. In June, professional artists and veterans were paired in the spirit of friendship and mentorship. Since then, matches have met to share personal narratives and to work together to create art for a culminating exhibition of drawings, paintings, photography, and sculpture. Choice of art content and the format for collaboration were left open to each pair. Come and see the results and meet the artists at Military Family Day. The Artpost exhibition will remain on view in Joslyn's community gallery (lower level, Memorial building) through December 31.

Artpost Professional Artist & Emerging Veteran Artist Pairs

Jamie Burmeister & Andrew Atkinson

Bill Dunn & Marie Payer ★

Steve Elliott & Scott Smith ★

Larry Ferguson & Erin Colson

Tim Guthrie & Roberta "Bert" Leaverton

Hal Holoun & Bryon Line ★

John Miller & Mario Lopez ★

Kristin Pluhacek & Kyle Foster

Stephen Cornelius Roberts & Ronee Smith

Bart Vargas & Imo Lax ★

★ *indicates the professional artist is also a veteran*

ABOUT THE EXHIBITION *DIRT MERIDIAN: PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANDREW MOORE*

Photographer Andrew Moore has worked along the 100th meridian for the past decade, drawn to its mythic past and the people who call the High Plains home. Based out of Rushville, Nebraska, for much of this project, Moore found an unassuming landscape that revealed a long history of challenging weather, repeated drought, and ongoing cycles of economic boom and bust. Set within the context of this demanding legacy, however, he also discovered the vitality of its inhabitants and the elegance of the plains' spare topography. Although literally the center of the United States, its sparse population teeters between geographic isolation and its prominent role in national and global markets for agriculture, energy, and natural resources. Moore sets this dynamic against the enduring myths of a quintessentially American landscape, balancing the weight of its past against a complex future. Featuring forty-two large-scale, color photographs, *Dirt Meridian* at Joslyn Art Museum and continues through January 8, 2017.

Ticketed (\$10 general public adults; \$5 general public adults on Thursdays, 4–8 pm; free for college students with ID, youth ages 17 and younger, and Joslyn members. **Free for general public with a military ID on Saturday, November 5, 10 am to 2 pm**)



Our Mission — Joslyn Art Museum collects, preserves, and interprets the visual arts of the highest quality, fostering appreciation and enjoyment of art for the benefit of a diverse audience.
Our Vision — To be cherished and respected as a premier art museum.

Joslyn Art Museum showcases art from ancient times to the present. The Museum was a gift to the people of Omaha from Sarah Joslyn in memory of her husband, George, who made his fortune as president of the Western Newspaper Union. The Museum's original 1931 building is one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture in the nation, with 38 types of marble from seven countries. The Walter and Suzanne Scott Pavilion, a 58,000-square-foot addition built in 1994, was designed by renowned British architect Norman Foster as his first U.S. commission. The Museum features galleries, a 1,000-seat concert hall, fountain court, education technology gallery, lecture hall, classrooms, sculpture garden, café, shop, and Art Works, an interactive space for art exploration.

General Museum Admission: Free [*Dirt Meridian* is a ticketed exhibition].

Regular Museum Hours (includes exhibition): Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am–4 pm; late 'til 8 pm on Thursday; closed Monday and major holidays.

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