

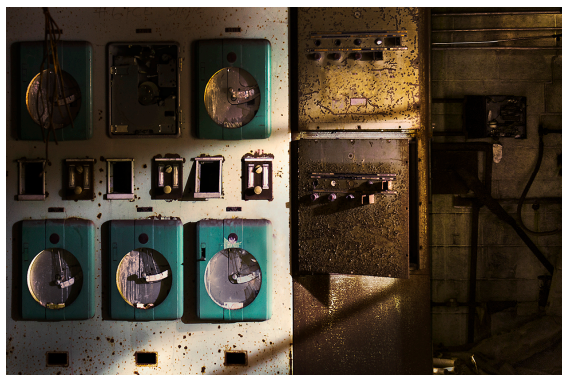


FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

***Carrie Furnaces: Contemporary Views Offers Breathtaking Historic Perspectives  
Co-Presented with Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area***

On view August 2 – 24, 2013

Opening Reception for the Artists, Friday, August 2, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 pm



**PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 24, 2013** – Silver Eye Center for Photography is proud to announce *Carrie Furnaces: Contemporary Views*, a collaborative exhibition curated from an open call for entries of images taken at the historic blast furnace site located in Rankin, PA. The exhibition’s curators are Jen Rokoski, Silver Eye Center for Photography; Lori Hepner, Associate Professor of Integrative Arts, Penn State University, Greater Allegheny Campus; and Ron Baraff, Director of Museum Collections and Archives, Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area. The exhibition is co-presented with Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area.

The exhibition runs August 2 through August 24, 2013. An opening reception takes place on Friday, August 2 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Silver Eye’s Southside gallery. It is free and open to the public.

“The Carrie Furnaces have functioned as an urban playground and aesthetic wonder” since they were taken off line in 1978, said Ron Baraff. “They have attained National Historical Landmark status, have been honored for their industrial might and successes, and are a beacon of tourism, hope, and economic revitalization for the Monongahela Valley and beyond. Their scope and majesty define the strength and character of our region as we move into the future.”

Today, the Carrie Furnaces lend themselves perfectly to photography with their various textures, constantly changing colors, hidden crevices, and a nostalgic feel of history frozen in time. Graffiti and rusted steel run rampant through the site, adding to the splendor and agedness of this otherwise desolate place.

This exhibition of both digital and analog work consists of 51 photographs from 32 artists. The images were accepted from an open call for entries held from June – July 2013 where a total of 332 photographs from 77 artists were submitted. The artists included are: Chuck Beard; Charlene Bidula; Nyna Bryant; Ohad Cadji; Jill Dittmer; Alexis Dillon; Brad Fetchin; Scott Goldsmith; Howard Grill; Jeremy Guttman; Ellen Bjerklie Hanna; Douglas Harper; David Issod; Jessica Kalmar; Jay Kapadia; Ryan Keene; Mandy Kendall; David Kissell; George Kollar; Robert Kormos; Dale Lazar; Robert G. Myers; Michael Novara; Adam Piscitelli; Neal Ryan; John H. Schurman; Rob Schwerdt; Ivette Spradlin; Kevin N. Tomasic; Hyla Urbany; Dan Wetmore; and Becky Zahn.

## **Related Programs**

### ***Opening Reception for the Artists***

Friday, August 2, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Silver Eye Center for Photography, 1015 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Free and open to the public

### ***Past to Present: An Evening with Ron Baraff***

Thursday, August 22, 2013, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Silver Eye Center for Photography, 1015 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

Free but RSVP required; please contact eabeyta@silvereve.org

Join Ron Baraff, Director of Museum Collections and Archives, Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area, as he discusses the history of the Carrie Furnaces, including the revitalization of the Monongahela Valley, and what the Carrie Furnaces stand for now, despite being taken off line in 1978. Steelworkers from the heart of the furnaces join Ron to discuss their experiences working in the immense complex, and what life was like for a steelworker outside of the furnaces.

## **About Silver Eye Center for Photography**

Silver Eye Center for Photography is a nationally-recognized, non-collecting institution exclusively dedicated to contemporary photography. Founded in 1985, Silver Eye has been at the forefront of celebrating photography, both as an expressive art form and as a medium that brings to light the telling details and larger stories that influence and inform an understanding of ourselves and the world. With our singular commitment to exhibiting and promoting contemporary photography and photo-based multimedia, we are unique in Pittsburgh and the surrounding region.

Since 2011, Silver Eye Center for Photography and Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area have offered Photo Safaris to the historic Carrie Furnaces, where local photographers explore the site accompanied by a professional photographer.

Silver Eye is located at 1015 East Carson Street in Pittsburgh's historic Southside. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 6 pm. Admission is free and open to the public.

Silver Eye Center for Photography is generously supported by our members and individual donors and by the Allegheny Regional Asset District, The Heinz Endowments, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the A.W. Mellon Education and Charitable Trust Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

**For additional information, press images, or to arrange for interviews and tours, please contact:** Juliana Zipay, Marketing and Membership Manager, 412.431.1810, ext. 12, jzipay@silvereve.org

**Photo Credits (left to right):** Alexis Dillon, *A Bridge Too Far*, 2012. Courtesy of the artist. Scott Goldsmith, *Time Stopped*. Courtesy of the artist.