

## FotoFocus Announces Full List of Regional Artists Participating in Upcoming 'AutoUpdate' Exhibition

"AutoUpdate" will feature 44 local and regional artists

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"Floating City" by Valerie Sullivan Fuchs, one of the artists participating in "AutoUpdate"COURTESY OF THE ARTITST

FotoFocus announced on Aug. 22 all 44 artists who will participate in the group exhibition *AutoUpdate*.

Held at The Carnegie in Covington, the show navigates digital technology's impact on photography and video in the current era of post-truth and artificial intelligence. The open call for submissions was put out in April of this year, seeking artists working "at

the intersection of photography and new media in the Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana Tri-State area."

The show will open Sept. 14 and run through Nov. 16, with a reception on Oct. 4 from 5-8 p.m. At the reception at 7 p.m., Maggie Lawson, who served as Wave Pool's artistin-residence earlier this year, will premiere a video performance, *Go Home,* that is described in a press release as a "performative lecture that works both as a problematic directive and a sacred pilgrimage through generations of the artists' chosen and anointed family."

Both events — the reception and exhibition — coincide with a day-long symposium on Oct. 5, *AutoUpdate: Photography in the Electronic Age.* Also delving into the post-truth, digitalized landscape, the symposium will feature panel discussions and conversations throughout the day navigating the nuances of the concept. In part, the theme is inspired by a 1994 edition of *Aperture* magazine, which explored digital work and the possible uses and consequences of programs like Adobe Photoshop. A lot has changed since the mid-'90s — so think of this as, well, an update.

The keynote speaker, Trevor Paglen, was trained as both a geographer and photographer; his high-vantage photographs of public spaces related to this era of mass surveillance.

Here's the full list of all 44 artists participating in the exhibition: Joey Aronhalt, Trey Barkett, Britni Bicknaver, Tyler Bohm, Jay Bolotin, D Brand, Emily Chiavelli, Elena Dahl, Robert Ladislas Derr, Claudia Esslinger, Jacqueline Farrara, Katie Fisher, Valerie Sullivan Fuchs, Juan Si Gonzalez, Tina Gutierrez, Hayes Hiltenbeitel, Barbara Houghton, Julie Jones, Lori Kella, Joshua Kessler, Luke Kindle, Kent Krugh, Maggie Lawson, Michael Loderstedt, Eric Lubrick, Jesse Ly, Patrizio Martinelli, Gary Mesa-Gaido, Robyn Moore, Todd Pashak, Joshua Penrose, Stefan Petranek, Ric Petry, Tiffany Pierce, Angie Rucker, Anna Christine Sands, J Michael Skaggs, Nic Skowron, Matt Steffen, PJ Sturdevant, Nick Swartsell\*, Erin Taylor, Emily Zeller and Matthew Zory.

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