

FotoFocus Reschedules 2021 Symposium Due to COVID-19

The 2021 FotoFocus Symposium: Telephotography moves to 2022, while a smaller virtual event will be held this fall.

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FotoFocus will reschedule its symposium for 2022. PHOTO: JESSICA LEWIS, PEXELS

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has pushed another event off the schedule.

Cincinnati photography nonprofit FotoFocus has announced that it will postpone its 2021 FotoFocus Symposium: Telephotography until next year. In an emailed release,

officials say that health and travel concerns due to COVID-19 were the main factors behind the postponement.

"While the theme is meant to explore remote communication through photographic technologies, as we have all been doing regularly since the onset of the pandemic, FotoFocus has always been about meeting in person and sharing a very basic and human experience of idea exchange," Kevin Moore, FotoFocus artistic director and curator, says. "Converting the entire symposium, or even a significant percentage, to a virtual format was not really an option."

Originally scheduled for Oct. 9-10, the symposium now will move to April 9-10, 2022. The location will be announced at a later date.

The FotoFocus Symposium: Telephotography is billed as follows:

With the theme of Telephotography, the FotoFocus Symposium will explore the electronic circulation of photographs. From photography's earliest transmissions to today's ubiquitous information sharing online, telephotography has become so central to contemporary life it is hard to imagine communications without it. Whether through personal photographs, press images, or military surveillance, Telephotography will investigate our desire for closeness and the ways we bring things nearer to us through photographs.

But FotoFocus still will hold a fall event this year. Instead of the symposium, FotoFocus will host a Lens Mix virtual conversation at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9. Moore will moderate the event.

[Find more information about Lens Mix or the symposium on the FotoFocus website.](#)