

The Heckscher
Museum of Art

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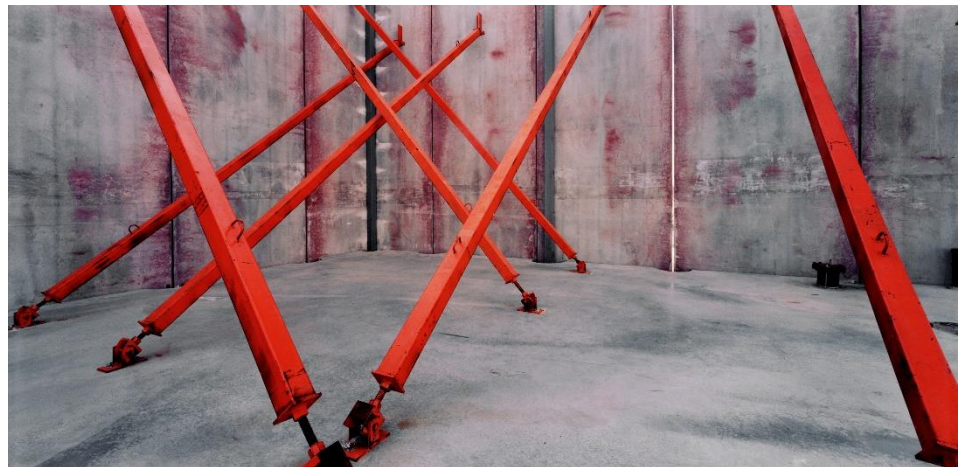
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The Heckscher Museum of Art Presents

Heavy Metal: Photographs by Jan Staller ***On View April 21 – July 29, 2018***

Huntington, NY -- Construction sites and industrial objects transform into compelling subjects through the lens of photographer Jan Staller. The Heckscher Museum of Art's exhibition ***Heavy Metal: Photographs by Jan Staller*** features 16 monumental photographs and a three-channel video from almost two decades of the artist's career. ***On view April 21 to July 29, 2018.***

A Long Island native, Staller has photographed urban infrastructure, recycling centers and building materials, focusing on pattern, geometry, line, color, and light. While he has photographed around the globe, this exhibition focuses primarily on his extensive work in the New York Metro area. "His images find order amid chaos, beauty in decay and a sense of mystery in the ordinary," noted Lisa Chalif, Curator, Heckscher Museum.



(Photo credit: Jan Staller, *Tilt Up Braces*, Brooklyn, 2001)

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Finding subjects as close as across the street, or seeing sites from the train, or on the drive to the airport, Staller said he “looks for the sculptural, formal, and lyrical qualities of objects that are not always thought to warrant contemplation.” Returning often to found locations, he continues to capture a constantly changing industrial landscape.

The exhibition also includes a video from a San Francisco recycling plant. Staller will discuss his life, career, and process at a Gallery Talk at the Heckscher Museum, May 10, 2018, 7 to 8:30pm.

Jan Staller studied at the Maryland Institute and has exhibited nationally and internationally for almost forty years. Two monographs of his work have been published: *Frontier New York* (1988) and *On Planet Earth* (1997). He was the on-set photographer for the popular movies *Twelve Monkeys* and *Fargo* (both 1995).

Related program:

Gallery Talk: Heavy Metal with Jan Staller
Thursday, May 10, 2018; 7 pm – 8:30pm
Members Free, Non-Members \$5

Also on View

The Age of Tiffany: Between Nouveau and Deco

April 21 to July 22, 2018

Renowned for the favrile and opalescent glass processes he developed, Louis Comfort Tiffany is internationally admired for the decorative windows and stained glass lamps he produced. This exhibition places the master within the context of other decorative art from the Museum’s Permanent Collection. With work by Enid Bell, Edward Berge, Arthur B. Davies, and Max Kuehn, among others.

Surface Tension: Pictorial Space in 20th-Century Art

April 21, 2018 to May 5, 2019

Since the beginning of the 20th century, artistic handling of the picture plane has shifted dramatically. *Surface Tension: Pictorial Space in 20th-Century Art* traces this transformation from early modernist works influenced by Cubism through the age of Abstract Expressionism and beyond. Featured artists include Ilya Bolotowsky, Esphyr Slobodkina, and Elaine de Kooning.

About The Heckscher Museum of Art

The Heckscher Museum of Art was founded in 1920 by philanthropist August Heckscher, and is in on the National and New York State Register of Historic Places. Located in scenic Heckscher Park in Huntington, New York, its exhibitions and related programs provide inspiring and transformative experiences to encourage a broader understanding of the past and present and to enrich life-long learning. The Museum’s collection comprises more than 2,500 works from the 16th to the 21st century, including European and American painting, sculpture, works on paper, and photography. For information about The Heckscher Museum of Art, visit Heckscher.org.

Museum Hours

Wednesday - Friday | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm *

Saturday and Sunday | 11:00 am - 5:00 pm *

Monday and Tuesday | Closed

*Huntington Township Residents admitted FREE Wednesdays after 2:00 pm and Saturdays before 1:00pm. Proof of residency required. **Free Admission for Active Military Personnel, Veterans, and Family**



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