



Erie Art Museum

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José Picayo Polaroids (1986-2015)

April 13, 2016, Erie, Pennsylvania – The Erie Art Museum is pleased to present a new Bacon Gallery exhibition, *José Picayo Polaroids (1986-2015)*. The show will run from June 10, 2016 through January 8, 2017.

This retrospective exhibition showcases over 100 Polaroids from New York City photographer José Picayo's breadth of work. The exhibit will be featured during the Erie Art Museum's inaugural annual gala, ARTrageous, as well as the focus for the bimonthly Gallery Night reception on July 8. With prints ranging in scale from intimate, pocket-sized Polaroids to larger-than-life 3x4 foot Polaroid transfers, this display will be the highlight of the Museum's 2016-2017 exhibition calendar and will be thoroughly integrated into our educational and public programming.

Cuban-born Picayo immigrated to Puerto Rico during his childhood and settled in New York City by the early 80s. After receiving his BFA from Parsons School of Design, Picayo began his professional career as a commercial photographer, shooting for magazines such as *Vanity, Sassy, Taxi, and Connoisseur*. Picayo's work has appeared in numerous American and European publications, including: *Harper's Bazaar, L.A. Style, New York Times Magazine, Esquire, Rolling Stone, NY Magazine, HG, and Elle Décor*. Picayo is represented by the Robin Rice Gallery in New York City where he has shown nine solo exhibits to date, and his work has been included in several group shows throughout the region.

Image Caption: José Picayo. Untitled, 1998. Polacolor Image Transfer.

About the Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum anchors downtown Erie's cultural and economic revitalization, occupying a group of restored mid-19th century commercial buildings and a modern, 'Green,' 10,500 square foot expansion. The newly expanded Museum marks the first LEED-certified building in the region, soon to be complete with a planted rooftop.

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The Museum maintains an ambitious program of changing exhibitions annually, embracing a wide range of subjects, both historical and contemporary and including folk art, contemporary craft, multi-disciplinary installations, community-based work, as well as traditional media.

The Erie Art Museum also holds a collection of over 8,000 objects, which includes significant works in American ceramics, Tibetan painting, Indian bronzes, contemporary baskets, and a variety of other categories.

The Museum offers a wide range of education programs and artists' services including interdisciplinary and interactive school tours and a wide variety of classes for the community. Performing arts are showcased in the 25-year-old Contemporary Music Series, which represents national and international performers of serious music with an emphasis on composer/performers, and a popular annual two-day Blues & Jazz Festival.

The Erie Art Museum, café, and gift shop is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. For additional visitor information, visit online at www.erieartmuseum.org or call 814-459-5477.

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