

PRESS RELEASE

Exhibition: *In Focus*

Featuring artists: Stacie Bird, Anne Cortese, Art Heim, Deb Placky, Gary Schubert, Chuck Fong, Michael Pelikan

Opening reception: Friday, March 3, 2017, 7 – 9 pm
Art Alliance Gallery Downtown, 123 S Fraser St. State College, PA 16801

On view: March 3 – March 31, 2017

Today's world is saturated with imagery, and photography features prominently in our everyday lives. It provides the inhuman ability to freeze time, to capture a feeling, and to share our experiences with others. Photography validates the mundane and asks us over and over again to take a second look. It allows us to see beauty in small details and encourages us to share those moments with the world around us.



Left to right: Gary Schubert, *Enlightened #2*, Photography, 17x22 inches, Courtesy the Artist; Anne Cortese, *Albers Homage*, Photography, 20x16 inches, Courtesy the Artist; Art Heim, *Everest from Kalapathar*, Photography, 24x36 inches, Courtesy the Artist.

Art Alliance Gallery Downtown's newest exhibition, *In Focus*, features seven Centre County photographers as they invite us to see the world through their lenses. With a variety of interests and subject-matter, this exhibition explores the diverse aesthetics of our lives and brings the beauty of our world into focus.

With the opening of our new location in Downtown State College, the Art Alliance of Central PA is excited to bring together the work of Centre County artists in order to respond to the themes, ideas, and aesthetics of our time. For more information on our new gallery, please visit our

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website at <http://www.artalliancegallerydowntown.org> and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @[artalliancegallerydowntown](https://www.instagram.com/artalliancegallerydowntown).

About Art Alliance Gallery Downtown: Art Alliance Gallery Downtown is an expansion of the nonprofit organization Art Alliance of Central PA. Our mission is to serve the community through the exhibition and promotion of talented contemporary artists in Centre County and beyond.

About Art Alliance of Central PA: The Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania is a nonprofit organization that exists to serve students, artists and the art-loving public in Pennsylvania's Centre County, the adjacent counties, and beyond. Our organization builds bridges between teachers and art students of all ages, as well as between artists and potential art patrons. The Art Alliance actively encourages community members to become involved in diverse and ever changing art experiences. At present the Art Alliance has approximately 350 members, all of whom are dedicated to recognizing, developing, and supporting visual arts.

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