

# PHOTOPOLIS

THE HALIFAX FESTIVAL OF PHOTOGRAPHY

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### INSIDE THE WORLD OF PHOTOGRAPHY

**WHAT: SYMPOSIUM – Inside Photography: Issues, Practices and Perspectives**  
**WHERE: DOWNTOWN HALIFAX – Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, Acadian Rooms B&C**  
**WHEN: THIS FALL – Saturday, October 22nd, 2011. 9am – 5:00pm**

*A one-day symposium, **Inside Photography: Issues, Practices and Perspectives** will provide a rare opportunity for photo practitioners to learn more about what photography has to offer. The spectrum ranges from commercial concerns to fine art pursuits, with insightful perspectives presented by a variety of passionate and knowledgeable photography specialists.*

The symposium will explore a range of topics pertinent to photographers including:

- practical realities of life as a photographer
- trends in photography exhibition in Canadian galleries
- the marketing of photography
- issues around fine art photo prints
- realities of photo book publishing
- portfolio reviews
- the screening of *Territories* on the life and work of acclaimed Canadian photojournalist, Larry Towell

**Photographers speaking on their practice** include:

- Len Wagg
- Nance Akerman
- Janet Kimber
- Lorraine Field
- Steve Richard
- Alvin Comiter

These photojournalists, commercial stock photographers and documentary and fine art photographers will provide a array of perspectives on: the type of photography they practice, how they generate livelihoods from photography, choose subjects or themes for their work, keep abreast of technologies, maintain a professional profile including exhibiting or publishing work and how they develop strategies to inspire their photo practice.

**The business of exhibiting photography in public**, artist-run and commercial galleries will be presented by numerous art gallery directors, curators, preparators and educators. Speakers include:

- Toronto's Jane Corkin of Corkin Gallery,
- Dalhousie University Art Gallery's Peter Dykhuis and Michele Gallant,
- Saint Mary's University Art Gallery's Robin Metcalfe,
- NSCAD University faculty, Susan McEachern and Bob Bean,
- and photographer/educator, Heather L. MacLeod.

**Issues related to the Fine Art Print** will be discussed including: When is a fine art photo print unique? How limited must a limited edition be? What are various options in displaying photographs in exhibitions? And how do photographers negotiate quality issues in digital printing?

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As well, an insider look at the world of **photo book publishing will be presented by Nimbus Publishing senior editor**, Patrick Murphy and others.

Plus there will be a screening of the film, *Territories* on life and work of acclaimed Canadian photojournalist, Larry Towell.

**Portfolio reviews are available for symposium participants** who will have a chance to receive feedback on their photo work by booking a meeting with influential professionals - photo editors, curators, publishers and art dealers - who will provide commentary, tips and advise.

"Inspiration is a wonderful boost to your photography practice", says symposium organizer, Heather MacLeod. "Photography is a complex technical visual art and active photographers are generally in a continual state of learning to keep abreast of technologies, practices and opportunities. Since the practice of photography is largely a solitary pursuit, it is very valuable for photographers to get together and share their stories and experiences. The goal of this symposium is to both inform and inspire, and in the process have a good time."

The one-day symposium is presented by **PHOTOPOLIS, The Halifax Festival of Photography** which takes place throughout the month of October and features 27 photography exhibitions and dozens of activities from photo show openings to artist talks and workshops. PHOTOPOLIS is a not-for-profit cultural organization run by a small group of volunteers with an interest in photography either as photographers or gallery directors and curators.

**As seating space is limited, early online registration is advised.**

### **Register now**

General admission: \$75    Student admission: \$25 (with ID)    Three Portfolio Reviews: \$25

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