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ART MUSEUM AT USJ PRESENTS SHARED SPACE: A NEW ERA PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE BANK OF AMERICA COLLECTION

West Hartford, Conn. (Sept. 13, 2019) - The Art Museum at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) opened the exhibition *Shared Space: A New Era | Photographs from the Bank of America Collection* with a public reception on Thursday, September 12. The exhibition will remain on view through December 15, 2019.

Shared Space explores an evolving social landscape captured in photographs and video created over the span of nearly twenty-five years. Nineteen artists from nine countries explore how the physical spaces in which we interact – from city streets to rural landscapes - have evolved alongside our access to a virtual “global village.”

Artists from the United States, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, India, Iran, Italy, Mexico, and Switzerland offer a view into the complexities of this era through photography and video—visual modes of communication made ubiquitous by new technologies. *Shared Space* explores the ways in which our homes and backyards, city streets and plazas, ports and airplanes, and urban and rural landscapes have evolved through globalization of our communications and collective space.

“Bank of America is pleased to support the Art Museum at the University of Saint Joseph and honored to share works from our collection with the community through our Art in our Communities program,” said Joe Gianni, Greater Hartford Market President, Bank of America. “At Bank of America, we believe in the power of the arts to help economies thrive, educate and enrich societies, and create greater cultural understanding.

“We are delighted that the generosity of Bank of America has made it possible for us to host *Shared Space: A New Era*, bringing works by an international roster of superb photographers to our Greater Hartford community,” said Ann H. Sievers, Director of the Art Museum.

This exhibition has been loaned through the Bank of America Art in our Communities® program.

Artists: Hans Aarsman, Olivo Barbieri, Wout Berger, Edward Burtynsky, Philip-Lorca diCorcia, Ken Fandell, Günther Förg, Ben Gest, Andreas Gursky, Barbara Klemm, Bertien van Manen, Shirin Neshat, Thomas Ruff, Tokihiro Satō, Raghbir Singh, Beat Streuli, Thomas Struth, Sze Tsung, Nicolás Leong, and Massimo Vitali.

Public programming includes:

Family Day at the Art Museum, Sunday, November 24, 1–3 p.m., featuring activities in the exhibition galleries. Free and open to the public, no advance registration required.

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The Bank of America Art in our Communities Program was established in 2009 in order to share the company's art collection with the widest possible audience. Comprising the art collections of the predecessor banks that are now part of Bank of America, the program offers museums and nonprofit galleries the opportunity to borrow complete or customized exhibitions at no cost. The public is able to enjoy new art installations at its local museums, while the museums themselves are able to generate vital revenue. Since 2009, more than 130 exhibitions have been loaned through this one-of-a-kind program.

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The Art Museum, University of Saint Joseph is located in Bruyette Athenaeum on the University's main campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford. It is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; closed Monday. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.usj.edu/artmuseum.

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