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Fact Sheet

“Earth and Sky: Photographs by Barbara Bosworth”

Exhibition

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June 20 – Nov. 9

Location

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Eighth and F streets N.W.
Graphic Arts galleries, second floor

Description

“Earth and Sky: Photographs by Barbara Bosworth” celebrates a recent gift of the artist’s work that surveys two decades of her photographs. To create these panoramic images and other landscape photographs, Bosworth (b. 1953) uses a unique method that combines multiple large-format negatives in a single print. While Bosworth is best known for her photographs of National Champions—a group of trees designated the largest-known examples of their respective species in the United States—the exhibition also features examples of her panoramic landscapes; a selection of images from “The Bitterroot River,” a narrative series on loss and renewal; several recent color photographs of songbirds; and images of the landscape close to her home near Boston. The 39 photographs in the exhibition reveal an artist who speaks with singular passion and sentiment for the American landscape. Describing a world far richer than the sum of its parts, her images unfold a personal and spiritual connection to the environment around us.

Bosworth received a master’s degree in fine arts from the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York in 1983 and has been a professor of photography at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston since 1984. Among the numerous honors she has received are a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellowship in 1995 and a New England Foundation for the Arts/National Endowment for the Arts regional fellowship in visual arts in 1993. Her monograph, “Trees: National Champions,” was published in 2005 by MIT Press. Her work has been included in exhibitions across the United States, with solo exhibitions at the Cleveland Museum of Art and the Princeton University Art Museum. Toby Jurovics, curator for photography, is the exhibition curator.

Credit

Haluk Soykan and Elisa Frederickson generously donated the photographs in this exhibition. The Bernie Stadiem Endowment Fund supports the exhibition of “Earth and Sky: Photographs by Barbara Bosworth.” The exhibition is organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

Free Public Program

Bosworth will talk about her work Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the museum’s McEvoy Auditorium.

The Smithsonian American Art Museum, located above the Gallery Place/Chinatown Metrorail station, is open daily from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., except Dec. 25. Admission is free. Smithsonian Information: (202) 633-1000; (202) 633-5285 (TTY). Museum information (recorded): (202) 633-7970. Web site: americanart.si.edu.

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