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## Self Portrait Exhibition Honors Silver Eye's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**PITTSBURGH, PA** – Silver Eye Center for Photography proudly presents ***Self Portrait: Silver Eye at 30*** on view July 8 – September 12, 2009. This exhibition features over 100 photographs submitted by Silver Eye members from around the world to celebrate Silver Eye's 30th anniversary. We honor Silver Eye's rich history as Pittsburgh's only non-profit art gallery devoted exclusively to photography, while simultaneously providing our members with the opportunity to creatively represent who they are with a camera. Many participating exhibitors have interpreted this theme literally by focusing their lens on themselves, others on reflections, environments, abstractions and personal themes. Photographic methods range from traditional silver gelatin or inkjet prints to alternative processes such as tintypes and ziatypes. **Prints are available for purchase.** Silver Eye Center for Photography, 1015 East Carson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203. **Gallery Hours:** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Noon – 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 412.431.1810, [www.silvereye.org](http://www.silvereye.org)

The **Opening Reception** will take place on Saturday, July 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Members and students: free; Non-members: \$5.00. 1015 East Carson Street, South Side.

In honor of Silver Eye's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we bring together a fascinating array of self portraits submitted by 105 of our 577 members from 18 states and three foreign countries. Collectively, the photographs in this exhibition demonstrate the extraordinary vitality and endurance of the self portrait genre and underscore the fact that contemporary photographic practice is ever-expanding and embraces a range of aesthetics, technologies, characteristics and concerns that are as varied and complex as the individuals pictured in the exhibition.

Beyond addressing the theme of self-portraiture in today's digital age, this exhibition is equally important as a celebration of Silver Eye's pivotal role in promoting and fostering photography as a fine art and expressive medium of communication over the past three decades. As one of the premier nonprofit venues exclusively devoted to photography in the United States, Silver Eye Center for Photography has organized hundreds of solo, group and thematic exhibitions in the galleries, throughout the community and online, via our website. These shows have brought greater awareness of the talents of emerging and established photographers from across the globe and served as a launching pad for many individual careers. Silver Eye began in 1979 as two separate organizations: Blatent Image Gallery, a cooperative gallery designed to provide exhibition space to local fine art photographers, and The Silver Eye Photographic Workshop, which brought nationally known photographers to Pittsburgh to exhibit their work and to conduct workshops. These two organizations merged in 1985 and became the Blatent Image/Silver Eye, which changed to Silver Eye Center for Photography in 1992.

All methods and kinds of images are on view. The framed prints are contemporary and alternative, black-and-white and chromogenic, silver gelatin and digital. Photographs were

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submitted from as far as Germany, Canada and Cyprus and there are 71 pieces from regional artists. Pittsburgh photographer Sandra Moore is exhibiting her black-and-white self portrait (*Swim*, 1981), which is linked to Silver Eye's history because it was part of a Blatent Image Gallery exhibition in 1981. Pittsburgh artist Elizabeth Raymer Griffin has included a three-dimensional zoneplate color transparency (*Holding My Breath: 1:27*, 2003) that is from a series of work focusing on lengthy and unpleasant posing. Most of the prints in the exhibition are for sale and these purchases support both the artist and Silver Eye.

### Exhibiting Photographers:

Sue Abramson, Pittsburgh, PA  
Dalila Akkal, Pittsburgh, PA  
Linda Alterwitz, Las Vegas, NV  
Karen Antonelli, Pittsburgh, PA  
Gayle Bair, Pittsburgh, PA  
Jacqueline Bates, New York, NY  
Jubal Battisti, New York, NY  
Ruthanne F. Bauerle, Pittsburgh, PA  
Larry Berman, Russellton, PA  
Tatyana Bessmertnaya, Plano, TX  
Christin Boggs, Great Falls, VA  
Cary Bohl, Murrysville, PA  
Kathy Boykowycz, Pittsburgh, PA  
Theresa Casciato, Pittsburgh, PA  
Jesha Chen, Pittsburgh, PA  
Tony Chirinos, South Miami, FL  
Shelley Curtis, Corvallis, OR  
Jacquelyn Cynkar, Pittsburgh, PA  
Dominic Dagradi, Pittsburgh, PA  
Gary M. DeBerry, Camp Hill, PA  
Nancy Denhart, Pittsburgh, PA  
Aaronel deRoy Gruber, Pittsburgh, PA  
Tim Doyle, Munhall, PA  
Kristin Dugan, Pittsburgh, PA  
Magali Duzant, Pittsburgh, PA  
John A. Fobes, Pittsburgh, PA  
Erin Goldberger, Pittsburgh, PA  
Elizabeth Raymer, Griffin, Pittsburgh, PA  
Howard Grill, Pittsburgh, PA  
Timothy Gyves, Pittsburgh, PA  
Ellen B. Hanna, Murrysville, PA  
Antwain Haynes, Pittsburgh, PA  
Pam Heckel, Pittsburgh, PA  
Ruth E. Hendricks, Pittsburgh, PA  
Philipp Hennig, Berlin, Germany  
Lori Hepner, Pittsburgh, PA  
Lee Hershenson, Pittsburgh, PA  
Patricia Howard, Boalsburg, PA  
Mary Ann Joyce, Pittsburgh, PA  
Karen Kaighin, Pittsburgh, PA  
Bridget Kameen, Pittsburgh, PA  
Richard Kelly, Pittsburgh, PA  
Shirleah Kelly, Greensburg, PA

Mandy Kendall, Edinburg, PA  
Joey Kennedy, Seven Fields, PA  
George Kollar, Pittsburgh, PA  
Christina Labrise, Pittsburgh, PA  
Amy K. Lamb, Pittsburgh, PA  
Michelle Lee, Pittsburgh, PA  
Alan Lefkowitz, Pittsburgh, PA  
Fritz Liedtke, Portland, OR  
Annie Lopez, Phoenix, AZ  
Nic Lyons, San Francisco, CA  
Ro Macuga, Beaver, PA  
Zsuzsi Matolcsy, Pittsburgh, PA  
Mikenna McClurg, Warren, OH  
Aaron McGregor, North Huntingdon, PA  
Anne R. Medsger, Pittsburgh, PA  
Carly A. Miller, Rochester, NY  
Charles J. Mintz, Cleveland, OH  
Dan Mohan, Allison Park, PA  
Sandra M. Moore, Pittsburgh, PA  
Malgorzata Mosiek, Pittsburgh, PA  
Morry Moskovitz, Beaver Falls, PA  
Rebecca J. Mundok, Pittsburgh, PA  
Maylee Noah, Redmond, WA  
Philomena O'Dea, Pittsburgh, PA  
Mary G. Padua, Gainesville, FL  
Bernie Peace, Wheeling, WV  
Candace Plummer Gaudiani, Menlo Park, CA  
Kate Pollard, Easton, PA  
Heather Protz, Las Vegas, NV  
Heather Joy Puskarich, Pittsburgh, PA  
Jay Ressler, Pittsburgh, PA  
Jennifer Robbins-Mullin, Zelienople, PA  
Wilka Roig, Ithaca, NY  
Michael Rosella, Pittsburgh, PA  
Gabriel Rosenberg, Pittsburgh, PA  
Kim M. Ross, Cranberry Twp, PA  
Judith A. Ruszkowski, Pittsburgh, PA  
Brian J. Sesack, Pittsburgh, PA  
Diana Shearwood, Montreal, Canada  
Gabe Sheen, San Francisco, CA  
Jessica Somers, Bristol, CT  
Bethany Souza, Hammond, LA  
Laurinda Stockwell, Lebanon, NJ

Richard A. Stoner, Latrobe, PA  
Suzanne Szucs, Rochester, NY  
Leo Theinert, Forest Hills, NY  
Peter Tilgner, Tenafly, NJ  
Lisa Toboz, Pittsburgh, PA  
Julio Torres, Pittsburgh, PA  
Thodoris Tzalavras, Nicosia, Cyprus  
Jim Ulrich, Pittsburgh, PA  
Hyla Urbany, Brooklyn, NY  
William D. Wade, Pittsburgh, PA

Dirk Wales, Santa Fe, NM  
Zack Wallnau, Pittsburgh, PA  
Len Wanchock, Sewickley, PA  
Marydorsey Wanless, Topeka, KS  
Germaine Watkins, Pittsburgh, PA  
Sandra Chen Weinstein, Lake Forest, CA  
Tiffany Whitfield, Jefferson Hills, PA  
Paul g. Wiegman, Pittsburgh, PA  
Phillip Windell, Pittsburgh, PA  
Isaac Wingfield, Providence, RI

It is fitting that Silver Eye celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this open members' exhibition showcasing an array of self portraits submitted by over 100 members. We are eager to present the creative and imaginative interpretations that comprise this summer 2009 group exhibition.

To request an interview with Silver Eye's Executive Director, Ellen Fleurov, please email her at [efleurov@silvereye.org](mailto:efleurov@silvereye.org) or call 412-431-1810, ext. 13.

The exhibition is complemented by several upcoming public programs, including: **Photo: Safaris at Heinz Field, the Allegheny River and the Allegheny Cemetery** on July 11, August 6 and August 8; **The Art and Craft of Portraiture with Mark Perrott** on July 25, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; and **Exhibiting Photographers Speak** on July 30, August 13, and September 3, 7:00 p.m.

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The mission of Silver Eye Center for Photography is to serve the public through exposure to a wide range of work by locally, nationally and internationally recognized photographers. A Pittsburgh institution since 1979, Silver Eye Center for Photography is the oldest non-profit organization in Western Pennsylvania dedicated solely to the understanding, appreciation, education, and promotion of photography as an art form and as an expressive form of visual communication.

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