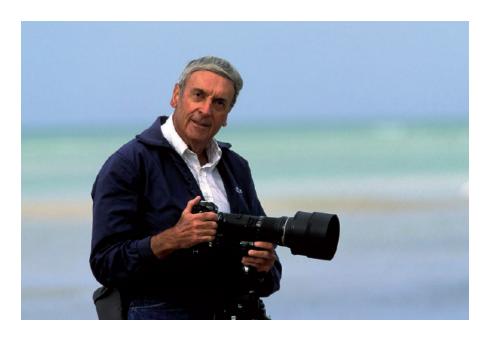
## DONALD M. ROBINSON



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### **Donald M. Robinson**

Donald M. Robinson, an internationally acclaimed photographer, traveled the world in search of compelling images. Numbering in excess of 800 objects, the Robinson collection

"I don't look upon my subjects as curiosities...I look for stories in their faces -sadness, anger, and humor."

includes documentary and nature photographs taken on six continents and in more than 60 countries. Although diverse, Robinson's subjects are united in the artists selfconscious search for beauty and universal empathy. Echoing nineteenth-century paintings of the Hudson River School, Robinson's landscape photographs are notable for their amplitude and scenic grandeur. Robinson studied photography with Cole Weston, Jay Masiel, William Neill, Arnold Newman, and Philip Hyde. His first mature works were made in Mexico around 1960; since then, Robinson has traveled extensively throughout the world and in the United States. He has exhibited his work widely, and has received numerous distinctions, including the tile of EFIAP (Artist of Excellence) from the Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique and the Galaxy Award of the Photographic Society of America.

## Nicole Elliott, Selection Juror

Nicole Elliott is a freelance designer working in Baltimore. She spent nearly 20 years at National Geographic working alongside art directors, photographers, and designers as an image editor and book production director. She has cultivated a deep understanding of what



makes a beautiful photograph and an appreciation for the patience, talent, and luck required to get the shot. She is inspired by images and the stories behind them.



## Skip Allen, Award Juror

Skip Allen began taking photographs with a Kodak Brownie at age 7; his interest in photography only grew with age. Having studied photography and design with Harold Corsini and Lee Goldman at Carnegie Mellon University, he graduated in 1975 with a B.S. in

Chemistry before taking a position as the head photographer at Kaufman's Department Store. A year later, he opened a commercial photo studio in Pittsburgh, where he worked with clients such as Revlon, Contraves Goertz, Elliot Co., GNC, and others. In the years that followed, Allen shared a space with Bill Bordas, whom Allen calls "a friend and mentor, as he had a very big influence on me. His concept of photography as art and the meaning of professionalism in photography has directed me for decades." In the mid-1990s. Allen developed a serious interest in landscape images. which ultimately led him to the American Southwest. In 2006, he was accepted into the Pittsburgh Society of Artists: the following year, he studied black and white photography with Rod Dresser. Allen has presented his work in different galleries throughout Pennsylvania and Nevada. He lives in Ligonier.

## Meghan Wise Bardell, Guest Curator

Meghan Wise Bardell is an accomplished entrepreneur/investor & fine artist & a proud Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art Trustee. She is the co-owner of Howard Hanna Bardell Realty, a leading real estate company in Bedford, Blair, & Somerset counties for the last 10 years &



co-owner of other real estate investment companies, where she works alongside her husband renovating houses and apartments to help beautify the local community. Meghan is also the owner of Knot-WISE Art, which is her individual artistic brand for over 20 years, where she creates mostly abstract paintings that directly depict unraveled chaos in her method of high-energy velocity painting techniques, and intuitive charcoal drawings, where her characters flow freely from her mind and are like glimpses of dreaming at a carnival, being transported into a world 1000 years into the future, or swimming deep in the majestic sea.

Meghan was the recipient of 3 scholarships/awards from Penn State University, where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree: the Edwin W. Zoller Art Scholarship, the Graham-Rath Scholarship, and the Gerald Davis Art Award and other honorable mentions and awards for business growth and individual success. She is very passionate about giving back to local charities, helping individuals in need, or surprising others with kind words-especially strangers, just to see the world smile more.

Meghan and her husband, Sean, are very family oriented and beyond grateful to be the parents of two loving & talented children, Easton & Athena. She loves playing sports with their children, Canasta with their whole family, playing music & singing, writing poetry & short stories, running, hiking & traveling the country. Her goal in life is to hike in all 50 US States & she has visited 36 so far.

# CATALOGUE

Peter Aldrich Forest Footbridge, 2024 Digital photo / archival pigment print, 16 x 20 in.

Peter Aldrich Networks, 2024 Digital photo / archival pigment print, 16 x 20 in.

Richard Barvainis Grill Man, 2022 Photography, 18 x 24 in.

Richard Barvainis The Future is Past, 2023 Photography, 18 x 24 in.

Richard Barvainis Wildwood Beach, 2022 Photography, 18 x 24 in. Avery Belser Trees in Silence, 2024 Inkjet Print, 12 x 18 in.

R. Thomas Berner Truck and Barn, 2025 Archival digital photograph, 14 x 15 in.

Stacie Bird Hagatha and the River, 2024 Digital photograph, 16 x 20 in.

Stacie Bird The Red Chair, 2022 Digital photograph, 11 x 14 in.

Stefanie Boss Cuddle Time, 2023 Digital photography on lustre print, 8 x 10 in.



Kelly M. Coursey-Gray, Glacial Mountains in the Mist - 'The Gullet,' Antarctica, 2024, Photograph printed on metal, 24 x 16 in.

Vincent Bourdineaud Standing Ghosts, 2025 Photography, 20 x 15 in. Vincent Bourdineaud Surrounded by Water, 2025 Photography, 24 x 16 in.

Chung Chak Blue Rickshaw, 2023 Archival digital print, 28 x 40 in.

Chung Chak Fruit Seller by the Propaganda Painting, 2023 Archival digital print, 28 x 40 in.

Laurie Comfort A Sonata of Teeth and Manes, 2023, Photography on glass, 22 x 29 in.

Laurie Comfort Your Soul to Keep, 2024 Photography on glass, 22 x 29 in. Kelly M. Coursey-Gray Adelie Penguins Making the Jump - Paulet Island, Antarctic Peninsula, 2024, Photograph printed on metal, 24 x 16 in.

Kelly M. Coursey-Gray Glacial Mountains in the Mist -'The Gullet,' Antarctica, 2024 Photograph printed on metal, 24 x 16 in.

Robert Debski A More Perfect Union, 2022 Archival giclée print from digital photograph, 19 x 25 in.

Alexis Dillon A Tale of Two Kitties, 2025 Infrared digital print on canvas, 20 x 30 in.

Sharon Draghi Night Comes, 2022 Archival pigment print, 27 x 20 in.



Clare J. Kaczmarek, Winter on Forbes State Forest, 2024, Digital print,  $22 \times 30$  in.

Sharon Draghi The Beginning of Today, 2024 Archival pigment print, 27 x 20 in.

Kiera Faber Refract, 2025 Hand-coated photographic cyanotype on cotton paper, 6.3 x 6.3 in.

Kiera Faber Trespass, 2025 Hand-coated photographic cyanotype on cotton paper, 6.3 x 6.3 in.

Eric Falk Empire State Building Through Fog, 2025, Photographic print on deep matte paper, 20 x 24 in.

Eric Falk The Corridor, 2025 Photographic print on deep matte paper, 20 x 20 in.

Harmony Fetterman Bee Buddy, 2023 Photography, 16 x 23 in.

Harmony Fetterman Oh Deer, 2023 Photography, 24 x 16 in.

Harmony Fetterman The Soul's Window, 2023 Photography, 16 x 23 in.

Marta Fiscus Between the Lines, 2022 Color macro photograph on metal, 20 x 16 in.

H.R. Edelyne Frye Fade to Red, 2024 Acrylic print, 24 x 16 in.

Brandon Hirt Eclipse, 2024 Photography, 24 x 24 in. Brandon Hirt Lemon House Aurora, 2024 Photography, 24 x 36 in.

John Hovenstine Lilies, 2023 Digital photograph, 12 x 24 in.

Michael Hower J Block Redux, 2022 Digital photograph, 17 x 24 in.

Michael Hower The Alamo, 2022 Digital photograph, 18 x 24 in.

Michael Hower Transparency, 2022 Digital photograph, 24 x 38 in.

Chris Ireland Corner Sunset, n. d. Archival digital inkjet printer, 11 x 17 in.

Chris Ireland Forest Fire Wallpaper, 2024 Archival digital inkjet printer, 11 x 17 in.

Chris Ireland Water Kept Running, 2024 Archival digital inkjet printer, 11 x 17 in.

Alex Jingozian Davao Coastal Road, 2024 Chromogenic print on archival paper, 12 x 18 in.

Clare J. Kaczmarek Winter on Forbes State Forest, 2024, Digital print, 22 x 30 in.

Amelie Lavenant-Wink The Falls, 2025 Digital photography, 20 x 16 in.

Justin Link In the Center of Chaos, 2024 Digital photography, 11 x 14 in. Justin Link Tunnel Vision, 2024 Digital photography, 11 x 14 in.

Justin Link Uprooted, 2023 Digital photography, 11 x 14 in.

Joe Lucas A Moment in Time, 2025 Metal print, 21 x 14 in.

Joe Lucas Caught in Mid-Drop, 2024 Metal print, 20 x 16 in.

John Luchin The Corner of State and High, 2025, Inkjet Print, 4½ x 3 in.

Stephen Mallon Centerbeam flatcar BR35535, 2019, Chromogenic print, 10 x 30 in.

Dave McCoy Burning Candle, 2025 Photo print, 19½ x 23 in.

Dave McCoy Major the Goat, 2025 Photo print, 23 x 27½ in.

Jasmine McGlade C, Twenty Four I, 2024 35mm photography (archival pigment print), 14 x 21 in.

Jasmine McGlade Horses of Wicklow, 2024 35mm photography (archival pigment print), 8 x 10 in.

Jasmine McGlade The Boy at the Stables, 2024 35mm photography (archival pigment print), 8 x 12 in. Jim Murphy Machine Shop Window No. 3, 2024, Black and white digital inkjet on archival Lustre photo paper, 24 x 20 in.

Jim Murphy
Man on a Bench, 2024
Black and white digital inkjet on archival Lustre photo paper,
24 x 20 in.

Jerry King Musser Sirens, 2024 Archival inks on archival paper (giclée), 24 x 24 in.

Anna Jo Noviello Falcon Cross, 2023 Photography, 36 x 23 in.

Ellory Potter Rue Crémieux, 2022 Canon inkjet print, 18 x 12 in.

Ellory Potter Silent Revolution, 2024 Canon inkjet print, 12 x 18 in.

Ellory Potter Tern's Halo, 2024 Canon inkjet print, 12 x 18 in.

Maddie Quinn Scopaesthesia, 2022 Photographic transfer made with acrylic medium, acrylic paint, and LED lights, 36 x 24 in.

Maddie Quinn Think of Me, 2025 Direct positive photographic paper made with a pinhole camera, one hour exposure, and developed with caffenol, 2 x 2½ in. each Ally Ramsey Artemis 9, 2025 HD archival fine print, 34 x 30% in.

David Rathbone Atlantic Meadow, Maine, 2025 Platinum palladium print, 8 x 8 in.

David Rathbone Lonely Island, Maine, 2025 Platinum palladium print, 8 x 8 in.

David Rathbone Schoodic Point, Maine, 2025 Platinum palladium print, 8 x 8 in. Estelle L. Roberge Into.Night.Cranes, 2024 Photo-Collage, 12 x 16<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in.

Estelle L. Roberge Terpsichore, 2025 Photo-Collage, 17¾ x 26 in.

Estelle L. Roberge Young Figure in Nature, 2024 Photo-Collage, 12½ x 9¾ in.

Kyra Schon Red Barn, 2025 Giclée on Hahnemühle photo rag, 11 x 14 in.

Brian Sesack Near Father Crowley Vista Point, 2022, Archival Black and White Pigment Print, 12 x 24 in.



Ally Ramsey, Artemis 9, 2025, HD archival fine print,  $34 \times 30\%$  in.

Anastasia Shik Safe Place, 2024 Inkjet print on archival paper in artist frame, 35½ x 47¼ in.

Fran Smulcheski Silent Voices Echo: The Working Children of Pakistan (Street Beggar, Islamabad Market), 2023, Archval inkjet on paper, 15¼ x 23 in.

Matthew Stich Rocky Beach, 2024 Photographic print on Fuji crystal archive paper, 24 x 18 in.

Richard A. Stoner New Germany State Park Gyre, 2023, Gelatin silver print, 10 x 10 in.

Richard A. Stoner Spring Flood on the Conemaugh River, 2023, Gelatin silver print, 10 x 10 in.

Stephanie Swindle Thomas Galway: Trad, 2024 Digital photograph giclée print on archival paper, 21½ x 27½ in.

Carol Thompson Apartment, 2025 Archval inkjet print, 12 x 8½ in. Carol Thompson Doors, 2025 Archival inkjet print, 8 x 14 in.

Kevin Vogrin Forever Wanting Longer, 2024 Digital photography, 28 x 22 in.

Carole Waterhouse Edge of Winter, 2024 Digital photograph on paper, 12 x 18 in.

Sarah Anne Wharton Abundance and Clutter, Sustenance Hard-won, 2024 Inkjet print, 17 x 23 in.

Sarah Anne Wharton Pietà with Flowing Milk, 2024 Inkjet print, 17<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> x 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in.

Jason Wilburn Let's Take a Look, 2024 Photographic print on paper, 12 x 18 in.

Gary Zak Blind Faith, 2024 Digital archive print on canvas, 18¼ x 15¼ in.

Gary Zak Refuge from Desolation, 2022 HD archival metal sublimation photo print on aluminum plate, 24 x 36 in.

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Donald M. Robinson (American, 1925-2017), Morocco #0881, 2009, Epson semi-gloss print, 19 x 13 inches.







