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Upcoming events at University Art Museum for *This Place*

**Open-mic Storytelling Event
Tuesday, March 27, 5 – 7 pm**

Public programs are free and open to the public.

**Art + Food + Dialogue
Tuesday, April 3, 6 – 8 pm**



ALBANY, N.Y. (March 15, 2018) – The University at Albany Art Museum is pleased to announce the final public events presented during the exhibition *This Place* on view through April 7, 2018, featuring photographs from twelve internationally renowned photographers who captured unfiltered insights on everyday life in Israel and the West Bank.

This Place is a collaborative project between four academic museums: the Picker Art Gallery at Colgate University, the Wellin Museum of Art at Hamilton College, the University Art Museum, University at Albany, State University of New York, and the Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum at Skidmore College. Each museum is presenting roughly one-fourth of the photographs from the broader exhibition, and these are on view simultaneously during the spring 2018 semester. The University Art Museum is presenting work by **Martin Kollar, Jungjin Lee, Thomas Struth, and Jeff Wall.**

Open-mic Storytelling Event, Tuesday, March 27, 5 – 7 pm

The public is invited to participate in “Finding My Place” an open-mic storytelling event in conjunction with the exhibition *This Place*. This open-mic event will be hosted by Gregor Wynnyczuk and centered on the theme of finding one’s place – whether it be geographically, or in relation to others. Potential storytellers will be asked to consider the following prompt: *Places*

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can resonate with us. We may feel we belong in some places, and don't in others. But 'our place' is also a societal construct. We often serve a role or function that is determined by others. We may have something we want to contribute, but may feel it is not our place to do so. Consider a story about finding your place – whether it be geographically, or in relation to others.

There will be a maximum of twelve storytellers and each will be allotted five minutes and thirty seconds in which to tell her/his story. Emcee Gregor Wynnyczuk will manage the sign-up period, which will begin at 5 pm. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served and the event is free and open to the public.

Gregor Wynnyczuk is a management consultant, artist and storyteller. For the past five years he has been the host of the *Front Parlor Series Open-Mic Storytelling* event in Albany. He has told stories on the MOTH stage in New York City, the RISK! Podcast, and at a variety of local venues including MASSMoCA and The Linda Norris Auditorium. Wynnyczuk has an MA degree in English from the University at Albany.

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The Museum will host a closing celebration of the exhibition *This Place* and the *Teagle Initiative, Teaching and Learning with Museum Exhibitions: An Inter Institutional Approach*. In addition to conversation and light fare, UAlbany/Teagle Initiative faculty liaisons, artist Danny Goodwin, Department of Art & Art History and author Edward Schwarzschild, Department of English will lead a discussion by participating faculty and students who taught with and learned from *This Place*. The general public is encouraged to attend this free event.

For more information, call (518) 442-4035 or visit our website at www.albany.edu/museum.

Museum Hours: Tuesday 10 am – 7 pm; Wednesday through Friday, 10 am – 5 pm; Saturday noon – 4 pm.

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