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Urban Dance: A Juried Group Photography Exhibition at the Plaxall Gallery



"Pretty Girls" by Paul Kessel

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Opening Reception: Wednesday, June 19, 6-9 pm at Plaxall Gallery, 5-25 46th Ave, Long Island City
Exhibit on view Wednesday, June 19 - Sunday, July 21st

In collaboration with the Plaxall Gallery & Long Island City Artists (LiC-A) in Long Island City, NY, LIC-A member Orestes Gonzalez presents an international group photography exhibition co-curated by [John A. Bennette](#).

Join Long Island City Artists and Plaxall Gallery beginning June 19th for "Urban Dance: A Photo Exhibition," displaying images which capture the urban experience of cities worldwide. A juried group photography exhibit, the jurors who selected final artworks on view include John A. Bennette, Jonathan Blaustein, Alexa Dilworth, Orestes Gonzalez, and Aline Smithson.

Jurors who selected the photography for the exhibition remarked on the diversity present in these images, featuring 39 artists with works covering the urban landscape from the US - particularly Queens - along with France, China, Israel, Senegal, Turkey, Cuba and Argentina. Co-curator [Orestes Gonzalez](#) notes of the exhibition premise and works on view, "the response to our call for entries was impressive. Our main focus was to create a body of work showing the global dynamics [that are] transforming our urban centers today. Thus, images of economic distress, displacement, religious belief, urban decay and gentrification abound but we also looked for more classic, humorous images of urban life. This balance worked out well in creating this collection of images from a group of very talented photographers."

Including works by Sheri Lynn Behr, Hazel Hankin, Jeff Larason, Don Agnello, Paul Kessel and thirty-four other artists, the exhibition brings together a wide survey of contemporary urban spaces. Co-curator John A. Bennette reflects on the meaning embedded in the exhibition. "Jagged edge, on point, twisting, turning, leaping, gliding. Sleek, recumbent, noisy, silent: I think of cities as living organisms with movement, songs, and rhythm, all set against robust geometries and ever evolving transformations. I can visualize not only the noisy cacophony of people and engines, but also the quiet, dark moments of reflection as the lights soften and memories fade." Urban Dance provides an entry point into re-considering how urban life is captured, translating the vibrant energy of city life into the precious moments spanning across the world today.

Long Island City Artists, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) arts advocacy organization with a mission to increase the development and visibility of professional and emerging artists in Long Island City, New York. We are based out of The Plaxall Gallery, a 12,000 square foot fine art community center in LIC.
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The Plaxall Gallery (5-25 46th Avenue, Long Island City)

Exhibition Hours: Hours: Thursday, 6-10pm (Life Drawing); Saturday & Sunday, 12-5pm

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