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## Press Release

ALASKA STATE MUSEUM

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### ALASKA STATE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The Alaska State Museum is seeking entries from photographers across Alaska for *Alaska Positive 2008*, the museum's biennial exhibition of Alaska photography. Now in its 38th year, *Alaska Positive* encourages photography as an art form in Alaska.

The deadline for receipt of entries is April 9, 2008. The exhibition will be juried by Bill Owens, a California-based photographer who won international acclaim in the 1970s for his book *Suburbia*. There will be a \$300 Juror's Choice Award and two \$150.00 Awards of Recognition, sponsored by The Friends of the Alaska State Museum. The juror will also select a number of photographs for Honorable Mention. Following a showing at the State Museum next summer, the photography exhibit will tour the state.

The entry form for the exhibit is available online at: <http://www.museums.state.ak.us>.

The competition is open to any resident of the State of Alaska. Additional details are available online. All mailed and hand-delivered entries must be received by 3:30 p.m., April 9, 2008, at the Alaska State Museum in Juneau.

The juror, Bill Owens, is an American photographer living in Hayward, California. He is best known for his photographs of suburban domestic scenes in communities east of San Francisco and published in the book *Suburbia* in 1973. He is the recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship in 1976 and two National Endowment for the Arts grants. His work has been exhibited internationally and is featured in numerous books and publications. For more information go to: [www.billowens.com](http://www.billowens.com).

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