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PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A YOUNG WOMAN

Noted Emerging Photographer and Alaska Positive Juror to Speak at State Museum

JUNEAU – The Alaska State Museum’s Alaska Positive 2012 juror has exhibited her photography across the globe and published it in an ever-increasing list of top-tier art, news and lifestyle magazines. She was named one of Art Ltd.’s 15 emerging West Coast artists under the age of 35.

Join this year’s Alaska Positive photography contest juror Holly Andres for a special lecture, “Alaska Positive 2012,” on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Alaska State Museum. Admission to the lecture is free.

While her own photography examines the complexities of childhood and the fleeting nature of memory—often within the context of female introspection—Alaska Positive encourages photography as means of portraying the many faces of Alaska. Andres’ lecture will cover, among other things, her experiences as a professional photographer, her review of hundreds of Alaska Positive contest entries and her selection process in choosing three award-winning photographs and a number of other photographs for the touring exhibit.

Holly Andres has had solo exhibits in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Istanbul and Portland, Oregon, where she lives and works. Her photography has been featured in *Oprah*, *Elle* and the *Los Angeles Times*, among others. Most recently, she was featured in *Go West! Cutting-Edge Creatives in the United States*, a book showcasing various contemporary American architects, designers and photographers.

Now in its 40th year, Alaska Positive is the Alaska State Museum’s biennial photography competition open to entrants from across the state. First prize: \$300 Juror’s Choice Award; two \$150 Awards of Recognition are also given, all sponsored by The Friends of Alaska State Museum.

After her ASM lecture, Andres heads north to lecture in Anchorage on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the University of Alaska Anchorage, Arts Building, room 116.

Winter hours at the museum are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Winter admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs – please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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