

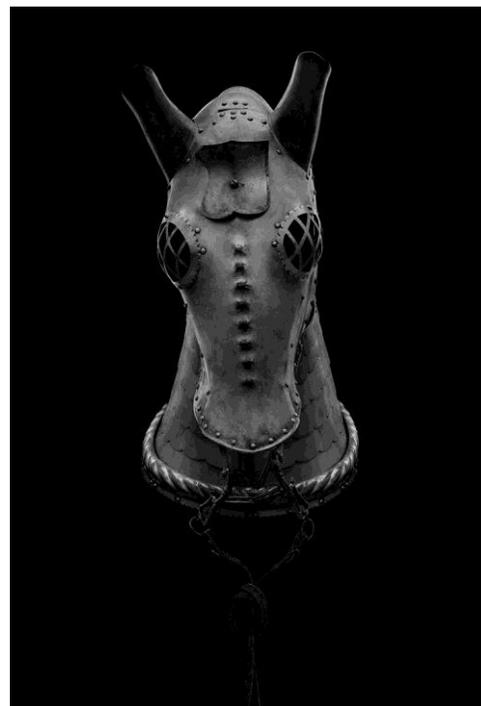
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Relics by Stephen Althouse at Susquehanna Art Museum

Harrisburg, PA – The Susquehanna Art Museum announces an exhibition of large scale black and white photographs by Stephen Althouse (b. 1948, Bucks County, PA). **Relics** portrays humanity through the tools and artifacts we leave behind. This collection of large scale black and white photographs transforms remnants from the past into powerful images captured in incredible detail. **Relics** will be on view in the Susquehanna Art Museum's lobby gallery February 24 – May 7, 2017.

Raised on a farm in rural Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Althouse grew up close to farmers and their work with earth and animals. During his teens and twenties he further explored the primordial realm of labor by working arduous jobs at a stone quarry, on the railroad, in concrete construction and road building. Through his interactions with fellow workers he became sensitive to a culture of people who approach a life of physical labor with the same humility and compliant determination as countless generations before them. During these formative years Althouse also began to question our species' predisposition for making war. He embeds humankind's different attributes and the historical ties of humanity, laboring and warfare into much of his artwork.



Knot III (Horse Armor), 2011, pigment print, 60" x 90"

Throughout his life Althouse has continued to foster his intrigue for people and diverse cultures through extensive travel, work, and residencies abroad in South America and Europe... He made Miami, Florida his home for thirty years where he worked as an artist as well as Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts at Barry University, and he regularly taught courses and lectured on his art in France, England, Spain, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. In 2003-2004 Althouse lived in Belgium as an artist-in-residence at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Liège through a Fulbright Research Fellowship and grants from Hahnemühle papers and Epson printer. Since leaving academia, he now resides in central Pennsylvania where he is reconnecting with his roots and finding new artistic inspiration from the surrounding Amish community. – Maya Huchla, Biographer

The Susquehanna Art Museum offers innovative and engaging exhibitions enjoyed by visitors of all ages. As Harrisburg's only dedicated art museum, it is a cultural anchor for central Pennsylvania. Located at 1401 N. 3rd Street in historic Midtown Harrisburg, SAM is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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