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Urban Landscapes on View at Susquehanna Art Museum

Harrisburg, PA – Susquehanna Art Museum's newest exhibition *Hidden City* features the plein-air urban landscape paintings of artist Valeri Larko. The overlooked sites that Larko selects for her landscapes are places that many people never see. Larko is drawn to the abandoned and decaying structures around the fringes of the city, urban waterways, and graffiti-laced walls.

"Each site has its own story to tell and through patient observation acquired over months of painting on location, I work to bring that story to life and to capture the visual poetry of these places."



Valeri Larko, *Driving Range, Bronx Gold Center*, 2017, oil on linen

Larko's paintings have been exhibited in noted museums and galleries in the U.S. and Europe. She has been featured in solo exhibitions at, among others, Bronx Museum, NY; Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC; Wall Works NY, Bronx; Hampden Gallery, University of Amherst, MA; Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA; The Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ; The Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, NJ; The Bronx Borough President's Office, NY; The New Jersey State Museum, Trenton

In 2000 Larko was awarded a major commission from New Jersey Transit and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to paint four murals for the Secaucus Transfer Station, the largest train station in the state of New Jersey. Larko's work is in the collections of the Jersey City Museum, The Montclair Museum, The New Jersey State Museum, Johnson and Johnson, Rutgers University, Hudson County Community College and in numerous corporate and private collections. Her art has been featured in reviews and articles in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *ARTnews*, *Artnet*, *Untapped Cities*, *Harpers Magazine* and other significant publications. She is represented in NYC by Lyons Wier Gallery.

Hidden City is on view in the Lobby Gallery through November 17. A catalog is available in the Museum Gift Shop.

***Hidden City* is generously sponsored by Highmark.**



Susquehanna Art Museum, located at 1401 North Third Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102, is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm with extended hours on Wednesdays til 7:00 pm. Sundays: 12 noon – 5:00 pm. Free parking is available to museum-goers in the lot immediately adjacent to the rear of the museum at Calder and James Streets.

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