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#### COVER

Rae'chel Curtis. East Nashville Easter Community Outreach (detail), 2018. Archival pigment print. Courtesy of the artist. © Rae'chel Curtis Ray Di Pietro. This Doorway Was His Home (detail), 2018. Archival pigment print. Courtesy of the artist. © Ray Di Pietro

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# CONNECT / DISCONNECT

# Growth in the "It" City

March 22–August 4, 2019 Conte Community Arts Gallery Frist Art Museum

In 2013, *The New York Times* called Nashville an "it" city because of its economic health and rising cultural profile. A 2017 article in *The Tennessean* stated that Nashville's population was expanding at a rate of one hundred new people every day. Neighborhoods have transformed, downtown has become a cultural center, and the city's art scene has come into its own, but this progress has come with challenges, such as increased housing costs and a population that is rapidly outgrowing the city's infrastructure.

The Frist Art Museum provided a platform for individuals to share their views by issuing a call for digital photography that addresses the theme of connection or disconnection in our communities. Nearly two hundred images were submitted by more than one hundred Davidson County residents, from which fifty photographs were chosen by a panel of jurors.

The resulting exhibition explores the rising connectivity between neighborhoods and communities, and the potential for disconnection between people and socioeconomic classes as the city strives to adapt to record growth. The images represent a range of perspectives, from depictions of friends and neighbors to old and new homes, construction sites, and recognizable landmarks.

All photograph submissions will be digitally archived by the Nashville Public Library Special Collections Division.

Rosemary Brunton and Shaun Giles, educators for community engagement

## FEATURED ARTISTS

Holly Abernathy Martha Armstrong Kim Balevre David Bennett Elizabeth Berger Sayre Berman Mariah Clemons Rae'chel Curtis James DeMain D'Anelle Desire Ray Di Pietro Erik Dotv Jo Fields Jacqueline Flynn Denise Fussell Tony Gonzalez Joe Nuñez Caroline Gumpenberger

Emily Passino Betty Harper Alan Hayes Julia Lynn Perkins Bernadette Hugan Mary Phelps D. Elizabeth Jesse David Piñeros Lisa Sivess Johnson John Roeder DaShawn Lewis Carey Rogers Kevin Lurey Delia Seigenthaler Hamilton Masters Brian Siskind Kalonji McClellan Gene Smith Erin McDermott Ben Spalding Don McEwen Laura Sturgill Donna Moffitt James Terry David Morel Yukiko Ueda Justin Near Ramona Wiggins Joshua Ness Richard Wise Huy Nguyen Nick 7immer

#### **JURORS**

Marty Stuart, musician and photographer Carlton Wilkinson, educator and photographer Susan H. Edwards, executive director and CEO, Frist Art Museum