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Contemporary Culture
Photographs by Erik Schubert and Brian Kaplan
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Reception with the Artists
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From the earliest known photographs, to our most contemporary digital captures, man has been pointing the camera's lens toward the landscape and its surroundings for centuries. Artists and photographers alike continue this affinity whether they are creating photographs to document concerns over changes in a region's topography, for the purpose of general survey or even to capture its majestic beauty. Panopticon Gallery is pleased to be exhibiting photographs by Erik Schubert and Brian Kaplan, two emerging photographers with ties to New England.

In the exhibition, *Contemporary Culture*, Schubert and Kaplan tackle two very different regions of the United States. Schubert has been actively photographing the landscape of the west, examining how manifest destiny has shaped this region, leaving in its wake a place where culture continues to prevail and how their identity owes itself to past explorers. Kaplan's counterbalance is photographs that focus on the northeast, specifically what he refers to as America's consumption-driven culture and its relationship with the natural world.

Erik Schubert earned a B.F.A. in Photography from Columbia College in Chicago and an M.F.A. in Photography from the Massachusetts College of Art & Design. He has taught at MassArt, Greenfield Community College and currently at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Schubert has been in several exhibitions throughout the U.S. including *Boston Young Contemporaries*, *SPECTRA: National Photography Triennial*, and in 2010 was included in the exhibition, *On the Road: A Legacy of Walker Evans* at the Robert Lehman Art Center.

Brian Kaplan spent years assisting before taking his 4x5 view camera out into the landscape. Kaplan has exhibited both locally and nationally including the Danforth Museum of Art, Griffin Museum of Art, Houston Center for Photography, and the Provincetown Art Museum.

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