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AN XIAO TO EXHIBIT IN POSITIVE/NEGATIVE 23
"Street haiku" photographer's Coney Island piece selected by Antoine Guerrero from P.S.1

In an exhibition juried by Antoine Guerrero, director of exhibitions at MoMA P.S.1, photographer An Xiao will be showing *Departure*, 2007, from her Coney Island series. The show is being held in East Tennessee State University's (ETSU) Slocumb Galleries, directed by Karlota I. Contreras-Koterbay, from Jan 28 to Feb 15, and includes an opening lecture and awards ceremony with the juror on Feb 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Positive/Negative 23 is her 11th juried exhibition since she began showing work in 2005 and the first to be juried by a director from a New York museum. Her piece is one of 50 selected out of 400 submitted for consideration. The show comes after a string of successes in 2007, including an award for Best Emerging Artist in Photography (decided by GLAAD's Arts Advisory Committee of New York gallerists and artists), participation in the Asian Contemporary Art Fair, and exhibitions in New York, Seoul and Los Angeles.

"Last year was incredibly successful and affirming for me and my street haiku photography," Xiao writes, "and I'm excited to be starting the year strongly with Positive/Negative 23, short on the heels of Hun Gallery's Calendar Exhibition. P.S. 1 is absolutely one of my favorite centers for contemporary art, and it's truly an honor to participate in an exhibition juried by Mr. Guerrero, while at the same time supporting the Slocumb Galleries' educational mission."

Of mixed Filipino and Chinese descent, An Xiao grounds her urban photography in the aesthetics of haiku and Henri Cartier-Bresson, as she seeks the Zen of the present moment in the hustle and bustle of busy city streets. She has recently been developing a series of photographic responses to Coney Island's real estate battles. Her award-winning work has appeared in publications and galleries internationally and throughout the New York City area, including Hun Gallery, Tenri Gallery, Gallery Ho and Cheryl Pelavin Fine Arts.

Positive/Negative is a national juried art exhibition organized by the Slocumb Galleries through the Department of Art & Design at East Tennessee State University. Established in 1985, this annual juried art event contributes to the promotion and appreciation of contemporary visual art in the region of East Tennessee and the bordering states of Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia and North Carolina.

Antoine Guerrero is the Director of Exhibitions at P.S. 1 Contemporary Art Center, a pioneering institution devoted to contemporary art and an affiliate of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

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For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact An Xiao at thatwaszen@gmail.com. Her web site and portfolio are located online at <http://www.anxiaophotography.com>. Information about Positive/Negative 23 can be found at <http://art.etsu.edu/slocumb/index.php?articleID=142>.

Photo attached.

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Departure, 2007
An Xiao
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