

Landscape Photography at UO

Fragile landscapes will be the focus of Portland photographer Stu Levy's exhibit titled *The Southwest: Canyons and Mesas*, on display May 13 through June 14 in the University of Oregon Museum of Art's Photography at Oregon Gallery.

"Much of my photography involves fragile landscapes which are threatened with the invasion of man," says Levy. "I feel a sense of timelessness in these places and hope that my photographs can help promote their appreciation and prevent their destruction."

"I look at the world as if it's a potential photo," he adds. "When something triggers a certain emotional chord in me or a visual excites my nervous system, I take a picture."

The Southwest holds a "magical power" for Levy, who returns there

every year.

"The places I've photographed are all on the edge of being destroyed," says Levy. "Photographing them is a gift."

Levy's work has been included in many exhibitions throughout the West. It is displayed in the permanent collections of the Silver Image Gallery in Seattle, Wash., the Photographic Image Gallery in Portland, and galleries in California, New Mexico and Ohio. His work was exhibited in last fall's *Commitment to Vision* exhibition, a comprehensive photography retrospective at the UO Museum of Art.

The 38-year-old medical doctor gave up half his practice five years ago to pursue fine art photography. He is an assistant instructor for the Friends of Photography and the Ansel Adams

Gallery Workshops in Carmel and Yosemite, and an instructor for the Portland Photographic Workshops and the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland.

The Photography at Oregon Gallery is located in the UO Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Lane. It is open free to the public from noon to 5 pm Wednesdays through Sundays except state and university holidays.

A free lecture is planned in conjunction with the exhibit. Levy will speak on "Photographing the Landscape" at 8 pm Friday, May 22, in Room 107 of Lawrence Hall, 1190 Franklin Blvd. He will talk about the Southwest's landscapes and show slides that will not be included in the exhibit.

For more information, contact the museum, 686-3027.



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