

## Art Museum Premieres 'Safety in Numbers,' Images of Black Identity

On Jan. 8, the Portland Art Museum opened "Safety in Numbers? Images of African American Identity and Community." Drawn from the Museum's collection and private lenders, the exhibition features approximately 50 prints, drawings, and photographs exploring the ways in which isolation, community, and the search for identity affected African Americans during the 20th century.

Early in that century, 47 percent of the Black population migrated from the rural

South to the industrial North in search of the American dream. Through often poignant imagery, the exhibition examines the ways in which artists portrayed the struggle of blacks to forge a new life, both public and private, in the Northern urban centers of the United States.

While the majority of artists featured in the exhibition are African American, several non-Black artists whose work is especially insightful in observations of the Black community are included. Throughout the 20th century, images of

black Americans revealed unique symptoms of displacement and the search for identity and community through ever more complex means.

On view in the Adams Foundation Foyer and Helen Copeland Gallery, the exhibition is organized by the Portland Art Museum and curated by Jennifer Harper, Ph.D., curatorial assistant. A complimentary brochure accompanies the exhibition. Supported in part by the Vivian and Gordon Gilkey Endowment Fund.



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