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SUSQUEHANNA ART MUSEUM

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UNIQUE PAINTING INSTALLATION COMING TO THE SAM VAULT

Harrisburg, PA – After contracting COVID-19 in the spring of 2020, a friend gave artist Diana Jensen a box of vintage travel slides found at an Asbury Park thrift store. During Jensen's feverish social isolation, she immersed herself into the travels of a stranger. The series of paintings she created during this time will be featured in a unique immersive installation in Susquehanna Art Museum's DeSoto Family Vault gallery. *World Traveler / Shelter At Home* will be on view to the public April 15 – June 19, 2022. Visitors are invited to meet the artist during the April 15 Third in the Burg event, with free admission 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

"It is not my goal to copy the photos I find verbatim, but to impart my idea of what these discarded physical objects/artifacts represented to the original owner. Seeking the truth of the past, not simply historical record, I look for hidden expressions of intimacy and human interactions between the figures. My paintings obsessively record the small details—the touch of hands, a loving gaze... I counter the flatness and ephemeral quality of the original photographs, with a thick, visceral paint application. I impart a weight and physicality in depicting the persons in the lost photographs—restoring the presence of those forgotten."



Diana Jensen, *Aleppo 1962, 2021*, oil on mylar with reverse painting, 19" x 24"

Currently based in New York City, Diana Jensen creates paintings and installations that reference found vernacular photographs from the 1960s to the present day. Her art-making documents both the emotional connection and cultural impact of photo collecting. Jensen's work has been exhibited nationally at venues including The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Safe-T-Gallery in Brooklyn, White Columns in New York City, Bucheon Gallery in San Francisco, Artemisia Gallery in Chicago, The Newark Museum, and The Islip Art Museum.

Susquehanna Art Museum is located at 1401 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102.

Hours: Wednesday 10am – 7pm, Thursday – Saturday 10am – 5pm, Sunday 12 – 5pm.

Free parking is available to visitors in the lot behind the Museum at Calder and James Streets.

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