

## **Art dean brings photographic works to NYS gallery**

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Photographic works by Joseph S. Lewis III, dean of the School of Art & Design at Alfred University, are displayed in a one-artist show - "Selected Works by Joseph Lewis" - at the Durst Lobby Gallery, New York City. The exhibit is sponsored by the Durst Organization in conjunction with Kathleen Cullen Fine Art and can be viewed through Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2007. Lewis is a visual and performing artist. He has had numerous solo exhibitions of his work both nationally and internationally for more than two decades, and has participated in several residency programs including Anderson Ranch, Colorado; Cite des Artes, Paris; and the Darkroom Projects in Milan, Italy. His "Selected Works" are printed "in black and white so that the metallic emulsion becomes almost pearlescently silver and gold; these pictures look antique and futuristic both. Some photos have the quality of historical documents, others seem like dreams or memories, or transmissions from deep space. Still others hint at pictorialism." Lewis is the recipient of several awards, commissions, and fellowships, including an Award of Excellence from Communication Arts, several grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a Ford Foundation Fellowship, and a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. He is a member of the boards of directors of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (accrediting agency for art schools) and the Bronx Museum of the Arts and is president and member of the board of the Noah Purifoy Foundation, Los Angeles. In addition, Lewis is also a member of the National Scholarship Selection Committee for the Jackie Robinson Foundation in New York, and the board of directors of California Lawyers for the Arts. He is a full member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and since 1994 he has been a writer for Art in America. Lewis holds a master of fine arts degree from Maryland Institute, College of the Arts, where he was a Ford Fellow and a Philip Morris Fellow. He received a bachelor of arts degree in art from Hamilton College. The Durst Lobby Gallery is at 1155 Avenue of the Americas, New York City. There will be a reception for the artist on Thursday Sept. 27, from 6-8 p.m. For more information, call 212.463.8500.