

## **Exhibition of work by alumnus Nathan Lyons on view at Eastman Museum in Rochester**

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ROCHESTER, NY – An exhibition of work by renowned photographer and Alfred University alumnus Nathan Lyons '57 (B.A., English) is on display at the Eastman Museum in Rochester.

The exhibition, [“Nathan Lyons: In Pursuit of Magic”](#), is on view in the museum’s Main Galleries through June 9. The exhibition represents the first opportunity for the public to view the black-and-white images that comprised Lyons’s earlier bodies of work in tandem with the color images – taken with digital camera and presented as inkjet prints – created in the decade before his death in 2016.

“Inspired by Nathan Lyons,” a two-part collaboration between the Eastman Museum and WALL\THERAPY – a Rochester-based art and community intervention project – is being held in conjunction with the exhibition. Presented as a response to Lyons’s work, it involves an exhibition of new work by artist Todd Stahl, whose unconventional portraits are inspired by Lyons’s photographs. Stahl’s exhibition is in the Potter Peristyle, just outside the Main Galleries of the Eastman Museum.

The Eastman Museum and WALL\THERAPY also invited other local artists to tag panels installed in the nearby corridor of the Museum. Artists are adding their contributions periodically so the panels change throughout the run of the show, complementing and extending Lyons’s deep appreciation for street art and its role in his own work.

The former director of public information at the George Eastman House in Rochester, where he curated numerous artist shows, Lyons was a founding trustee of the New York Foundation of the Arts. He was awarded fellowships with the National Endowment for the Arts and exhibited at galleries including the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Albright Knox Gallery.

Lyons was a retired professor of art education at SUNY Brockport and was chair of the Society of Photographic Educators. In 2006, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts from Alfred University. His wife, Joan, is an Alfred University alumna ('57, B.F.A.) and noted artist/photographer. Their daughter, Elizabeth Lyons, earned a B.F.A. degree from Alfred University in 1982 and is a glass artist in Rochester, where he is owner and director of More Fire Glass Studio.