

# **Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi**

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## **Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Presents Exhibit and Program by Nationally-Recognized Photographer Philip Van Keuren**

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – The Department of Art at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and University Galleries will present the exhibition “Toward What Sun: Photographs by Philip Van Keuren” from Thursday, Dec. 4, through Friday, Jan. 30, in the Weil Gallery, located in the Center for the Arts.

A reception with Van Keuren will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, from 5-7 p.m. in the Weil Gallery. On Friday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Van Keuren will present a lecture on his work, followed by an exhibition tour and discussion in the Weil Gallery. Both the reception and program are free and open to the public.

In “Toward What Sun,” Van Keuren presents a series of photographs which address issues of timelessness, luminosity and the fleeting nature of existence.

Van Keuren, who has participated in numerous solo and group exhibitions since 1971, is an associate professor of art and curatorial studies and director of the Pollock Gallery for the Division of Art, Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University. In March 2007, he completed a poetry residency at the Vermont Studio Center and recently received a second MacDowell Colony artist residency for early 2009.

Van Keuren, who was born in Dallas in 1948, received his Bachelor of Fine Arts and his Master of Fine Arts in studio art from the Meadows School of the Arts at Southern Methodist University. During the early ‘80s, he constructed architectural models for the renowned American architects I. M. Pei, Henry Cobb and Philip Johnson among others. He was a visiting artist at Brown University in 1989.

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Weil Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For the gallery holiday schedule, call 361.825.2386.

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