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American Ruins

On Display at the Arkell Museum
October 4, 2008 to January 21, 2009

Canajoharie—Photographs taken by California photographer and documentary filmmaker Arthur Drooker are coming to the Arkell Museum at Canajoharie, NY. *American Ruins* features fifty sepia-toned infrared photographs of more than 25 historical sites. Drooker captures these ruins and preserves them for a moment in time. His subjects include adobe missions and the remains of elegant mansions. To be included in Drooker's project, the ruins had to meet certain criteria: they had to be part of a preservation program, they had to have historical value and they had to represent the geographic and architectural diversity of America.

Arthur Drooker is a University of Pennsylvania graduate and an award-winning documentary writer and director living in Los Angeles. Drooker and his work for *American Ruins* was featured on CBS Sunday Morning in November 2007. For more information about American Ruins and Arthur Drooker visit the web site:

<http://www.arthurdrooker.com/pages/americanruins.html>

Arthur Drooker will present a short talk at the Arkell Museum opening of *American Ruins* at 8:00 pm on October 4th. The opening event will run from 7:00 pm -10:00 pm and is free to members, \$10.00 for non-members.

The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie reopened with a new building in September 2007. Visitors to the museum will discover paintings by American

artists such as Winslow Homer, Childe Hassam, Robert Henri, Thomas Hart Benton, and John Singer Sargent on display in the galleries. Mohawk Valley history and Beech-Nut advertising are also featured in exhibitions. The Arkell Museum is located half way between Albany and Utica — just three blocks from exit 29 on the New York State Thruway (I-90). The museum is open Monday-Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Saturday –Sunday 12:30 -5:00 pm. For more information call 518-673-2314 or visit www.arkellmuseum.org

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