



Exhibitions at
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Artists of Provincetown

Photographs by Ron Amato

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IN THE DUFFY GALLERY

This exhibition highlights artists with deep ties to Provincetown, the oldest continuous artist colony in the United States, during the early 21st century.

Made over a period of eight years, Ron Amato has created eighty-four deeply penetrating portraits which illustrate the breadth and depth of the community. Making use of the color and light which is uniquely Provincetown, Amato's imagery is both dynamic and authentic. Ron's ability to reveal truth within his subjects, while heightening the environmental elements within a photograph is what makes these portraits so special.

Continuing in the tradition of photographer Norma Holt a generation earlier, Amato has created a rich portrait of the current artist community in Provincetown. Twenty-seven of Ron's portraits are of artists Norma also photographed, some up to a half century earlier. Ron's photographs of these pivotal figures in the Provincetown art community at a later point in their lives and careers is part of what makes Ron's work historically significant. In addition, Ron's photographs capture the vitality that is the artist community now. Many of the people in these photographs are crucial to shaping history and preserving the traditions for future generations, while forging new ways to welcome and nurture new artists in the community.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

Ron Amato is a Professor in the Photography and Related Media department of Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Much of Ron's art practice revolves around his identity as a Gay man. Some of the issues explored in Ron's work are aging within the Gay community, male representation in social media and the ongoing political attack on LGBTQ community in the United States. His first monograph, *The Box*, visually represents Ron's journey from a boy born into a second-generation Italian-American family in Brooklyn, NY to his current position as a respected educator and artist. Ron's second monograph, *100 Members Only Volume 1*, is a visual exploration of the male phallus. Ron is a leader for diversity and inclusion on the FIT campus, serving nine years on The President's Diversity Council. He has exhibited extensively both nationally and internationally. His seminal exhibition of intimate self-portraits at Richard Anderson's Fine Arts gallery in NYC in 2000, established Ron as a leading Queer artist. He is a regular contributor to numerous publications with images representing queerness and male sexuality. Ron is currently curator of photography at Soho Project Space in NYC. In his early commercial photography career, Ron was a regular contributor to many print magazine's, including *Men's Health* and *Sports Illustrated*. In the early 2000s, he worked in the world of theater, designing projections for numerous productions.

Artists of Provincetown marks a return to Ron's first love, environmental portraiture. He has a BFA in Photography from School of Visual Art, NYC and an MFA in New Media Art and Performance from Long Island University.

ARTWORK LIST

The artworks in this exhibition are for sale; please see the museum front desk for a price list and to purchase.

All works are courtesy of the artist. All works are dye sublimation prints on ChromaLuxe aluminum.

Adam Peck, 2019

Amy Kandall, 2021

Andrew Sullivan, 2019

Anne Packard, 2017

Barbara Cohen, 2016

Bert Yarborough, 2017

Billy Hough, 2016

Bobby Miller, 2015

Breon Dunigan, 2017

Chet Jones, 2020

Christopher Sousa, 2017

David Drake, 2019

David Foley, 2020

David Hilliard, 2018

Dermot Meagher, 2017

Donald Beal, 2020

Ed Christie, 2020

Esteban del Valle, 2021

Forrest Williams, 2017

Frank Vasello, 2021

Frankie Rice, 2023

Helen Grimm, 2022

Hilda Neily, 2017

Ilona Royce Smithkin, 2017

Irene Lipton, 2022

Jack Pierson, 2017

Jane Kogan

Jay Critchley, 2021

James Balla, 2017

Jim Broussard, 2021

Jo Hay, 2018

John Dowd, 2015

John Waters, 2019

Karen Cappotto, 2017

Larry Collins, 2017

Liz Carney, 2018

Marian Roth, 2015

Mark Adams, 2017

Mary Giammarino, 2017

Matthew Bielen, 2021

Melanie Braverman, 2017

Michael Costello, 2018

Michael Cunningham, 2017

Midge Battelle, 2017

Mike Wright, 2020

Mira Schor, 2017

Mischa Richter, 2021

Myra Slotnick, 2017

Pasquale Natale, 2015

Pat de Groot, 2017

Paul Bowen, 2019

Paul Lisicky, 2016

Paul Rizzo, 2019

Pete Hocking, 2015

Peter Hutchinson, 2015

Peter Watts, 2019

Polly Burnell, 2023

RC Patterson, 2022

Robena Mailcoat, 2017

Robert Henry, 2017

Romolo Del Deo, 2019

Ryan Landry, 2017

Salvatore Del Deo, 2018

Susan Goldberg, 2020

Tim Horn, 2023

Vicky Tomayko, 2017

Zehra Khan, 2022



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