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DC MODERN DESIGN + BUILD OPENS FIRST GALLERY EXHIBITION: DC LO-FI

(Washington, DC) DC Modern Design + Build, a resident gallery at Anacostia Arts Center will present a new show from DC-based photographer Michael K. Wilkinson, "DC Lo-Fi," seeks to capitalize on two points of familiarity to many city residents: urban vignettes focused on the disappearing signs of an ever-aging yet ever-changing city, and the ubiquitous square format of Instagram with its instantly recognizable filters.

The exhibition runs February 15 - March 29. A public opening reception will be held on February 15 from 4 - 7 p.m. Viewing hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 11 am - 7 pm and during special events. Anacostia Arts Center is located at 1231 Good Hope Road SE. The exhibition is FREE and open to the public.

The photographer, a Washington DC resident for over 20 years, has selected a range of scenes for the show, some of which would be recognized by astute observers of the city, and others which just resonate with a certain locationless urban sensibility.

"Part of the poignancy of the project, for me," Wilkinson says, "is the fact that, as a professional photographer, I'm no longer using film, or even my digital SLR for that matter, to express myself artistically. Instead, I yank the iPhone out of my pocket and snap things I see as I'm walking around the city, then throw a couple images into Instagram, which cross-posts to flickr, Tumblr and Facebook. Within seconds, the feedback starts to roll in, one 'ding' at a time. In the age of the mobile device, you accomplish in a matter of minutes what it used to take weeks or even months to do when we shot on film, printed in darkrooms and hustled for gallery shows."

Printed on ultra-high gloss metal surfaces ranging in size from 8x8 to 30x30 inches, the images in the show bridge the gap gorgeously between the ephemeral "social-digital" format and the permanence of a piece of art on the walls. Both the subject matter and the medium will strike viewers with a particularly strong currency and resonance, hitting nerves on both a new/hi-gloss-modern-mobile-culture level and a gritty, fast-disappearing urban-pioneer level.

Michael K. Wilkinson (mkw1.com) is an architectural photographer based in Washington DC. He has participated in over 30 one-man and group shows over the past 20 years. He has been an avid iPhone photographer since the day his carrier,

Verizon, began offering the device on its network, but is and will always be amazed that he can take photographs with a telephone.

About DC Modern Design + Build:

Joining the Arts Center in January of 2014, DC Modern Design + Build is the combined effort of residential design firm Vallen Design Studio and Adela Construction. Their gallery (also their office) will primarily host shows by regional artists with an emphasis on the built environment.

About Anacostia Arts Center:

Anacostia Arts Center is a project of the ARCH Development Corporation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating a home for small businesses, artists, arts and cultural organizations to fulfill its commitment to the revitalization and sustainable economic development of Historic Anacostia. The 9,300 square ft. arts center opened in June of 2013 and includes a café, a black box theatre, boutiques, and galleries.

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