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VIRGINIA MOCA EXHIBIT TRAVELS THE SOUTH

T he trip through the American South this summer at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Jonathan Kostela features ten photographers in a show curated by Heather Hazlitt. The exhibit explores the South’s complex history, traditions, myths and stereotypes. Each contemporary photographer featured offers a glimpse of the people, history, land and culture of the region. Photographers include Kelly Berg, Eve Egoyan, Craig Elise, Kate Medley, Tammy Merino, Brian Palmer, Teresa Reynolds, Kathleen Robben, Jerry Siegel and Sharron Turner. The show runs May 12 - August 13, 2011. For details, visit virginiamoca.org/south.

BOOK

40 ARTISTS WRITE ABOUT HOW THEY CONTRIBUTE TO CULTURE

A rts are just normal, hardworking American who are dedicated to making the most of our creativity by exploring our place in the world, writes artist and educator Sharon Louden in her new book The Artist as Culture Producer: Living and Sustaining a Creative Life, a collection of essays by 40 visual artists. Artists “provide a service to society that works on a personal, economic and social level,” writes Louden in her introduction. These artists “are an integral part of our culture...sharing their personal insights, visions and dreams.” Louden’s book includes essays by 22 women and 16 men, 36 of whom live in the United States, two in the United Kingdom, one in the Philippines and one in Australia.

The book has been acclaimed for its exploration of the artist as a catalyst for productive change in our contemporary society. Glimpse the artist of the future in Louden’s book.”

The essay topics range from the personal to the political, from the individual to the collective, from the local to the global. Each artist’s work is unique, and their experiences are diverse. The essays are written in a way that is accessible and engaging, making this book a valuable resource for anyone interested in the arts or the creative process. The book is available in digital and print formats, and is an excellent resource for students, artists and anyone interested in the arts.