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**Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Presents
A Permanent Home in the Mouth of the Sun
a solo exhibition by Hannah Altman**

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PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania (August 11, 2021) – Following its premier at Chicago gallery Filter Space, the exhibition [*A Permanent Home in the Mouth of the Sun*](#) debuts in Pittsburgh at [Associated Artists of Pittsburgh](#) on Saturday, August 14, 2021. This solo exhibition of work by AAP member Hannah Altman explores the Jewish diaspora, world building, and sacred time. Utilizing the narrative aspect of photography and the ritual and motifs in Yiddish folklore, Altman's work invites the viewer to consider how exile and its contrary natures has shaped understandings of personal and cultural identity, time, and memory. The Pittsburgh iteration includes 3 works not exhibited in Chicago, and the exhibition will be on display through September 10, 2021.

"I'm so excited to bring this work that explores Jewish storytelling and image making to Pittsburgh," says Altman. "Having lived in the city for several years, it is a really meaningful place to me and my practice. I'm thrilled to return with a new body of work that considers that time, rather than space, is a sacred site; an idea proven intensely true during quarantine."

"We are thrilled to have Hannah back in Pittsburgh," says AAP Executive Director Madeline Gent. "There is such a sense of contemplative stillness in Hannah's work. It's almost as if we are right there, with Hannah, discerning our place within and relationship to the subject, sitter, or space depicted. I'm grateful to our staff and exhibition committee who worked closely with Hannah to bring this work here."

Admission to the opening reception, and to the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Exhibition Space is free and open to the public. Light snacks and beverages will be served in our courtyard. Masks are required inside the gallery. For more information, email aap@aapgh.org, or visit aapgh.org.

Associated Artists of Pittsburgh Exhibition Space hours:

- Wed. – Fri.: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sat.: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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About Associated Artists of Pittsburgh

The Associated Artists of Pittsburgh (AAP) is the oldest continuous-exhibiting artist member organization in the country. At over 600 members, AAP enhances the region's cultural vitality and promotes visual arts excellence by showcasing artists' work through contemporary exhibitions, providing community-based education programs, and facilitating a broad dialogue to engage artists with one another and the community.

About Hannah Altman

Hannah Altman is a Jewish-American artist from New Jersey. She holds an MFA from Virginia Commonwealth University. Through photographic based media, her work interprets relationships between gestures, the body, lineage, and interior space.

She has recently exhibited with the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Blue Sky Gallery, the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, and Photoville Festival. Her work has been featured in publications such as Vanity Fair, Carnegie Museum of Art Storyboard, Huffington Post, New York Times, Fotoroom, Cosmopolitan, i-D, and British Journal of Photography. She was included in the 2020 Critical Mass and Lenscratch Student Prize Finalists and in the Silver Eye Center For Photography's 2021 Silver List.

She has delivered lectures on her work and research across the country, including Yale University and the Society for Photographic Education National Conference. Her first monograph, *Kavana*, published by Kris Graves Projects, is in the permanent collection of the MoMa and Metropolitan Museum of Art Thomas J Watson libraries.

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IMAGE

Hannah Altman | *Preserving* | 2021 | archival pigment print | 22 x 27 inches

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Hannah's work has been featured in several publications including [Vanity Fair](#), [Float Magazine](#), [Carnegie Museum of Art Storyboard](#), [Huffington Post](#), and [i-D Magazine](#).