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**American Ruins Exhibition Coming to
The Wichita Art Museum**

Wichita: The exhibition *American Ruins*, opening June 29th at the Wichita Art Museum, proves you don't have to leave the country to experience haunting historic sites. This photography exhibition celebrates places within the United States where crumbled walls and weathered stones stand in honor of our American past. Their geographical and historical diversity allow us, as Americans, to see where we came from and understand where we're headed.

Arthur Drooker has photographed historic sites throughout the United States. Subjects include adobe missions and the remains of elegant mansions. With his unique photographic style called digital infrared, Drooker captures these ruins and preserves them for a moment in time. 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.

American Ruins features fifty sepia-toned infrared photographs of more than 25 historical sites. A companion hardcover publication is also available on sale in the Museum Store. Drooker and his photos were featured on CBS Sunday, and the book earned a 'Best Book of 2007' award in General Photography from usabooknews.com.

Exhibition Dates:

Sunday, June 29 to Sunday, September 7

The Wichita Art Museum opened in 1935. It is home to The Roland P. Murdock Collection, one of the premier collections of American Art in the country. The Museum is proud to be supported through public and private funds, owned by the City of Wichita and managed by a private entity, Wichita Art Museum, Inc. Located at 1400 West Museum Boulevard, the Museum and Museum store are open Sunday noon – 5 p.m., and Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors (55+) and students with I.D.; \$2 for children 5 - 17. Admission is free every Saturday and scheduled school groups are always free. The Muse Café is open for lunch Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and from 2 – 3 p.m. for desserts and drinks. Brunch is available on Sundays from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. with drinks and desserts available until 3 p.m. There is no admission charge for visiting the Museum Store or Café.

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