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**"The luxuriously melancholy photography of Sean Galbraith is worth the trip alone"**  
**Peter Goddard, art critic, Toronto Star**

“Technical progress inevitably escalates negative aspects inherent in it.  
For instance, the invention of the aeroplane is also the invention of the plane crash.  
In the same vein, you could say that architecture is nothing but the art of making ruins” – Paul Virilio

### **Artist's Statement**

I am a self-trained photographer and urban planner in Toronto, Canada. With a background in urban design, I look for patterns, lines, and forms that give structure to urban environments. My career revolves around the built environment; contributing to the ever expanding development of cities. By day, my life revolves around the creation of those spaces I may ultimately revisit long after they've outlast their intended purpose.

Urban decay and demolition by neglect is present in all urban settings. All buildings have a story, a history, a life, and a death. Industrial factories rust. Office buildings slowly crumble. Residential buildings are reclaimed by the elements. It is a rarity that these building evolutions witnessed by those outside their walls. I go where many have gone in the past, but few go today. To explore, embrace, and bring sight to these spaces and environments from which others avert their gaze.

To document that which once was kinetic, but now lies dormant and decaying; Even with man-made objects, death is a part of life and has its own beauty.

### **Education**

Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Waterloo. 1998

### **Exhibitions**

DK Photo Group Exhibitions (founding member 2005)

*ANAMNESIS*

CONTACT International Photography Festival, 2008, galleryDK, Toronto, May, 2008

*DKONSTRUCTION*

CONTACT International Photography Festival, 2007, art101 Gallery, Toronto, May & June, 2007

*ORPHANED*

Hangman Gallery, Toronto, October, 2006

*FORGOTTEN: THE ART OF DECAY*

CONTACT International Photography Festival, 2006, Roundhouse Gallery, Toronto, May, 2006

### Other Exhibitions

*TRESPASSING ON YESTERDAY*(with the Shadow Collective)

CONTACT International Photography Festival, 2008, The Charlotte Room, Toronto, May & June, 2008

*PHOTOBLOGGERS: UNPLUGGED*

Magic Pony Gallery, September 16-18, 2005

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Juried Group Exhibitions

PHOTOGRAPHY/COMMUNITY/SPIRIT

Art Square Gallery, Toronto, December & January, 2006

Juried Outdoor Shows and Sales

Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, 2006, 2007 & 2008

Riverdale Art Walk, 2007

Parkdale Art Festival, Toronto, June 17, 2006; July 22, 2006; August 26, 2006 (Featured Artist)

Toronto ArtsWeek 2005

**Media**

Behind the Camera (television program profiling photographers), 2007

A World Abandoned (television series on DK Photo Group), in-production, 2008

**Employment**

galleryDK Art Gallery, Director/Founder, Toronto

Stikeman Elliott LLP, Land Use Planner

**Publications**

*A Slice of the Real Queen*, Exhibition Profile, Toronto Star, August 26, 2006

*The Urban Romanticism of Sean Galbraith*, Brownfield News Magazine, January 2008

*Urban Exploration*, Canadian Consulting Engineers, December 2007

Buffalo Art Voice

NOW Magazine

Spacing Magazine

U&I Magazine

National Post

**Lectures**

*Urban Exploration*, Toronto Camera Club Lecture Series 2007

*Urban Exploration*, Beaches Camera Club Lecture Series 2007

**Photographic Associations**

DK Photo Group, Founding Member

Mississauga Arts Council, Member

**Land Use Planning Experience**

Stikeman Elliott LLP, *Toronto, Ontario* 2007-Present

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, *Toronto Ontario* 2004-2006

Engelhardt, Hammer & Assoc., *Tampa, Florida* 1998-2004