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AMSET Welcomes Photographer, Earlie Hudnall, Jr., for Winter Exhibition

(Beaumont, TX; December 8, 2023) The Art Museum of Southeast Texas (AMSET) is proud to present *Earlie Hudnall, Jr.: Homeward*, on view December 16, 2023 – March 30, 2024, as its 2023 winter exhibition.

Earlie Hudnall, Jr. is a Houston-based photographer whose subject matter focuses on documenting the everyday life of African-American communities in the South. Born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Earlie has lived for years in Houston, Texas. He began photographing while serving as a Marine in the Vietnam War in the 1960s.

In 1968, he relocated to Houston to attend Texas Southern University (TSU) and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education. There he found the encouragement to continue photographing his subject matter of local African-American communities from well-known TSU faculty members, art professor John Biggers and professor of philosophy Dr. Thomas Freeman. After graduating, Earlie made Houston his permanent home and worked as the staff photographer at Texas Southern University from the 1970s until 1990. In 1990, he was hired as the university photographer, a position he held until his retirement in 2019.

This exhibition will include 40 photographs from Hudnall along with a gallery guide including an essay by Phillip Collins, a Dallas-based art historian and museum curator. Join us for the opening reception of *Earlie Hudnall, Jr.: Homeward* on Friday, January 12, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. Drinks and light refreshments will be served, with a brief gallery talk at 7:15 p.m. with Earlie Hudnall, Jr. and essayist Phillip Collins.

A FREE Family Arts Day will take place in conjunction with this exhibition on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more info on this exhibition and upcoming programs, please visit amset.org or call (409) 832-3432.

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