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“Focus on Infinity” Exhibit by Photographer Robert Weingarten Captures Vivid Beauty of the Pacific Coast

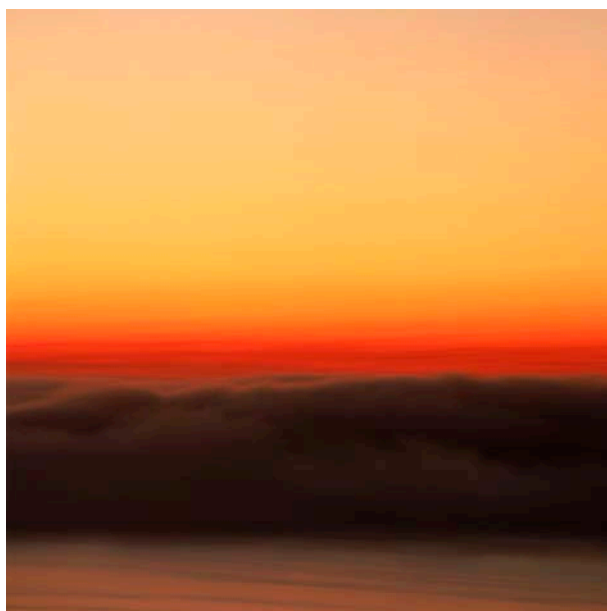
**On View at Central Library
630 W. Fifth St., Downtown L.A.
June 6 through August 5**

The exhibit, “Focus on Infinity,” highlighting the surreal effect of weather and natural light on the same strip of Pacific Coast in colorful photographs taken daily over a one-year period, will be on display June 6 through August 5 in Central Library’s First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St.

The exhibition features 20 large photographs selected from photographer Robert Weingarten’s larger “6:30 am” series of pictures taken from the window of his Malibu home overlooking the Santa Monica Bay nearly every day from January 1 to December 31, 2003.

The photos depict colors and the essence of nature that can be captured by camera, but not the human eye, Weingarten said. The images reflect the uncharted intersections of camera vision and human perception.

“Although my past exhibitions have been in traditional museums, I welcome the opportunity to show my work in the Central Library,” Weingarten said. “As a free venue that attracts a broad range of visitors, the library offers a unique location. I’m impressed that the annual visitors to the library is on a par with our largest L.A. museums. I am



T“6:30 #77 August 14, 2003” – by Photographer Robert Weingarten

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hoping that some of the visitors will be inspired to seek out other exhibitions of photographic art.”

Weingarten, who was inspired by Claude Monet’s late 19th century Haystacks and Mark Rothko’s chromatic abstractions, said the only variable he allowed while taking the photographs was the shutter speed, governing the amount of light entering the camera. If it was still dark or foggy outside, he allowed a longer exposure than on days when natural light was sufficient.

The exhibit shows that every day the Pacific Ocean scene in front of Weingarten’s lens was different – hazy bands of orange or yellow, veils of mauve and baby blues, dynamic swirls of pink and violet, with radiant reds pouring lava-like across the sky – all dependent on weather and season, he said.

"Focus on Infinity" is free and open to the public. The Central Library is open: Monday – Thursday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m. The library is closed holidays. For more information, visit lapl.org/infinity.

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