



## TULSA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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### *Photographer David Varmecky* ***Urban Impressions: An Exploration of Seeing*** **July 1 – August 14**



*Lunch Counter Girl, 28" x 88" digital photograph*

*Tulsa, OK* This exhibit features 13 large-format photographs of urban scenes that most people typically would not notice as they hurry to their destinations. The photographs find the beauty in what some would call urban blight. Several, including the one pictured above, were taken at the abandoned Hissom Memorial Center near Sand Springs.

The painter Victor Shklovsky said, "If we start to examine the general laws of perception, we see that as perception becomes habitual, it becomes automatic, which means that we are not actually seeing our everyday environment." As a photographer, David Varmecky strives to break this pattern by making pictures of objects and scenes that people would normally not notice or think of as serious subject matter for important photographs. He also takes photos from perspectives that are not easily accessed.

Varmecky earned an MFA in photography from the University of Tulsa and completed a BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute. He currently teaches photography part-time at Tulsa Community College and has also taught at the University of Tulsa as an adjunct instructor. He has been active in the Tulsa arts community for many years, including participating in the Tulsa Photography Collective and the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition.

*The PAC Gallery, located at 3rd and Cincinnati,  
is open M-F from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
and during Chapman Music Hall events.  
Gallery admission is free.*

The Tulsa Performing Arts Center is a department of the City of Tulsa.