

# News Release

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## **Chasing a Notion of Home: Photo Study by Michael Spencer**

ASMSU Campus Entertainment presents: "Chasing a Notion of Home," a collection of photos by Michael Spencer. The exhibit will be showing in the Exit Gallery September 20 – October 1. There will be a free public artist reception Wednesday, September 22nd, 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

As both a student of architecture and a photographer, Michael Spencer has always attempted to explore the notion of home and place through design and photography. It is his hope that we gain a better understanding of the tangible and intangible elements of a space that all people experience on a daily basis. This study led him to Nairobi, Kenya where he lived and photographed for nine weeks this past fall.

Nairobi is everything that modern day Bozeman, Montana is not. It is urban, it is informal, and it is perhaps most expressively a place of flux. Such a place is representative of the way that over half of the world's populations now live. Commonly referred to as "third world" or "emerging" cities, these quasi-urban landscapes create a notion of home which is worlds apart from that found in the idyllic mountain towns of the Rockies and indeed quite different from the notion of home found throughout all of the "first world". These cities are overflowing with hope, patience, and determination. Michael wanted his work to explore a cross section of living spaces in Nairobi, the way in which they are built, and the many physical, emotional, and political issues which surround them.

For more info call 994.1828. The Exit Gallery is located in Strand Union Building room 212, Montana State University, Bozeman. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. See you there!

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