In Focus: The Landscape
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Like painters and draftsmen before them, photographers turned to the landscape as a source of inspiration after the invention of the medium was announced in 1839. Since then, changing artistic movements and continual technical advancements have provided opportunities for camera artists to approach the subject in diverse and imaginative ways. This exhibition, drawn exclusively from the Getty's collection, brings together the work of more than twenty-five innovative photographers who have left their mark on the history of the genre. Chosen from hundreds of prints to represent key moments in the history of photography, the works on view here explore transcendental approaches linking nature to the divine, Modernist notions of pure form, and contemporary ruminations on the environment. They are organized roughly chronologically to make the progression of aesthetic and technical developments apparent.

1. Unknown maker, French
   Study of Rocks, about 1845
   Daguerreotype
   Image: 10.4 x 14.7 cm (4 1/8 x 5 13/16 in.)
   The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
   84.XT.183

2. Platt D. Babbitt
   American, died 1879, active Niagara Falls, New York
   1853 - 1870
   Scene at Niagara Falls, about 1855
   Daguerreotype
   Whole plate
   The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
   84.XT.866

3. André Giroux
   French, 1801 - 1879
   The Ponds at Optevoz, Rhône, about 1855
   Salted paper from a paper negative print
   Image: 26.7 x 33.5 cm (10 1/2 x 13 3/16 in.)
   The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
   84.XP.362.3

4. Gustave Le Gray
   French, 1820 - 1884
   The Beech Tree, about 1856
   Albumen silver print
   Image: 31.6 x 41.3 cm (12 7/16 x 16 1/4 in.)
   The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
   84.XM.637.22
5. Roger Fenton  
British, 1819 - 1869  
*View from Ogwen Falls into Nant Ffrancon*, 1857  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 42.4 x 36.5 cm (16 11/16 x 14 3/8 in.)  
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6. Camille Silvy  
French, 1834 - 1910, active Paris, France and London, England  
*River Scene, France*, Negative 1858; Print 1860s  
Albumen silver print  
Image (oval): 25.7 x 35.6 cm (10 1/8 x 14 in.)  
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7. Édouard Baldus  
French, born Germany 1813 - 1889  
*Entrance to the Donzère Pass*, about 1861  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 33.7 x 43.2 cm (13 1/4 x 17 in.)  
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles  
84.XO.734.1.20

8. Timothy H. O'Sullivan  
American, about 1840 - 1882  
*Desert Sand Hills near Sink of Carson, Nevada*, 1867  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 22.4 x 29 cm (8 13/16 x 11 7/16 in.)  
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9. William Henry Jackson  
American, 1843 - 1942  
*Old Faithful*, 1870  
Albumen silver print  
Image: 51.4 x 42.4 cm (20 1/4 x 16 11/16 in.)  
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85.XM.5.38

10. Edward S. Curtis  
American, 1868 - 1952  
*Canyon de Chelly*, 1904  
Platinum print  
Image: 24.8 x 32.4 cm (9 3/4 x 12 3/4 in.)  
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84.XM.638.55
11. Anne W. Brigman
American, 1869 - 1950

Figure in a Landscape, 1923
Gelatin silver print
Image: 18.4 x 23.5 cm (7 1/4 x 9 1/4 in.)
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95.XM.73

12. Alfred Stieglitz
American, 1864 - 1946

Songs of the Sky, No. 2 / Equivalent, Portrait of Georgia, No. 3, 1923
Gelatin silver print
Image: 10 x 12.6 cm (3 15/16 x 4 15/16 in.)
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13. Eugène Atget
French, 1857 - 1927

Printed by Berenice Abbott
American, 1898 - 1991

Saint-Cloud, Negative 1926; Printed later
Albumen silver print
Image: 17.5 x 22.3 cm (6 7/8 x 8 3/4 in.)
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14. Edward Weston
American, 1886 - 1958

Sand Dune, Oceano, 1936
Gelatin silver print
Image: 19.4 x 24.3 cm (7 5/8 x 9 9/16 in.)
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15. Ansel Adams
American, 1902 - 1984

El Capitan, Yosemite, Negative 1938; Printed 1950
Gelatin silver print
Image: 24 x 17.9 cm (9 7/16 x 7 1/16 in.)
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16. Dorothea Lange
American, 1895 - 1965

The Road West / Highway to the West, U.S. 54 in Southern New Mexico, Negative 1938; Printed 1965
Gelatin silver print
Image: 18.7 x 23.8 cm (7 3/8 x 9 3/8 in.)
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17. Frederick Sommer
American, born Italy 1905 - 1999
Colorado River Landscape, 1940
Gelatin silver print
Image: 19.1 x 24.1 cm (7 1/2 x 9 1/2 in.)
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
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18. Harry Callahan
American, 1912 - 1999
Detroit, 1941
Gelatin silver print
Image: 8.1 x 11.4 cm (3 3/16 x 4 1/2 in.)
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19. André Kertész
American, born Hungary 1894 - 1985
Washington Square, Winter, 1954
Gelatin silver print
Image: 24.7 x 19.6 cm (9 3/4 x 7 3/4 in.)
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20. William A. Garnett
American, 1916 - 2006
Sandbars, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, 1966
Cibachrome print
Image: 39 x 51.7 cm (15 3/8 x 20 3/8 in.)
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles
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21. Eliot Porter
American, 1901 - 1990
Red Tree, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Tennessee, October 7, 1967
Dye transfer print
Image: 59.7 x 47.5 cm (23 1/2 x 18 11/16 in.)
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22. James B. Irwin
American, 1930 - 1991
NASA Astronaut, Lunar Surface, August 1, 1971
Gelatin silver print
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23. Jerry Uelsmann  
American, born 1934  
Navigation without Numbers, 1971  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 20.7 x 20.3 cm (8 1/8 x 8 in.)  
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24. Robert Adams  
American, born 1937  
Quarried Mesa Top, Pueblo County, Colorado, 1978  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 38 x 47.5 cm (14 15/16 x 18 11/16 in.)  
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© Robert Adams  
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25. Roger Minick  
American, born 1944  
Woman with Scarf at Inspiration Point, Yosemite National Park, 1980  
Chromogenic print  
Image: 50.8 x 40.6 cm (20 x 16 in.)  
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26. Shibata Toshio  
Japanese, born 1949  
Shimogo Town, Fukushima Prefecture, 1990  
Gelatin silver print  
Image: 44.8 x 55.8 cm (17 5/8 x 21 15/16 in.)  
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27. Virginia Beahan  
American, born 1946  
and Laura McPhee  
American, born 1958  
Apple Orchard, Manzanar Japanese-American Relocation Camp, Owens Valley, California, 1995  
Chromogenic print  
Image: 75.3 x 95.3 cm (29 5/8 x 37 1/2 in.)  
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