

## 'Imagining Cuba' photography exhibition to convey isolation, beauty

SUNY Oswego art faculty member Julieve Jubin's 2011 photography work in Havana helped inspire "Imagining Cuba," featuring 32 works of 11 photographers who capture images of the politically isolated Caribbean nation in a free exhibition that will start Tuesday, March 26, at Tyler Art Gallery.

Co-curator Jubin and Italian guest curator, fine arts professor and photographer Carmen Lorenzetti, who is also transfixed by the "mythic quality" of Cuba, are scheduled to attend the exhibition's opening reception, slated for 5 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the gallery.

In a related event, the SUNY Oswego Latin Jazz Ensemble, scheduled to perform with special guest Cuban percussionist Emilio "Emilito" Del Monte, will appear in a free concert starting at 7:30 p.m. in Hewitt Union ballroom.

"Imagining Cuba" will run through April 27, simultaneous with the [Master of Arts Exhibition](#) in another wing of Tyler Art Gallery.



"Photographing Cuba is an activity that has impassioned generations of professional and amateur photographers alike from all over the world to search for the secret of its political and cultural uniqueness," Lorenzetti wrote in an artist's statement for the exhibition.

She noted that a decades-long embargo of Fidel Castro's Cuba has fed the island nation's isolation, so scenes of colonial architecture and enormous 1950s-era American cars have "frozen its features in time."

"It constitutes the background scenery of innumerable memories of Cuba and tells an unchanging story/history that has not found a way to renew itself over time."

Jubin, coordinator of SUNY Oswego's photography minor, took students to Cuba in 2011 as a result of her photography there for the "Centro Habana" photo series. Her work joins those of five Cuban and four other international photographers to create "Imagining Cuba."

The exhibition also will appear in 2014 at the Fototeca de Cuba in Havana.

Tyler Art Gallery is open 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Parking is \$1; for details, see [oswego.edu/administration/parking](http://oswego.edu/administration/parking).





