

SAQA Exploring Contemporary Art Special Interest Group

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 1:00 pm ET

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84935542737>

Featured Artist: **Edward Burtynsky**

Edward Burtynsky (born 1955) is a Canadian [photographer](#) and artist known for his large format photographs of industrial landscapes. His works depict locations from around the world that represent the increasing development of industrialization and its impacts on nature and the human existence.

Artist selection and resources compiled by SAQA member Lee McLean.

Please Review Before the Meeting

To support a rich and engaging discussion, spend some time exploring the resources below. It should take about an hour to review these links.

- **Artist Website**
<https://www.edwardburtynsky.com/home-page>
Scroll through [galleries](#) and read [bio](#).
- **Article about San Francisco Koch Gallery exhibit (2026) “Recent Releases”**
<https://museemagazine.com/culture/2026/6/15/edward-burtynsky-recent-releases-robert-koch-gallery>
- **Prix Pictet (:49)**
<https://www.instagram.com/p/DdG7kAegDrY/?hl=en>
Burtynsky discusses influence of abstract expressionist painters
- **The Guardian**
<https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2025/jun/26/edward-burtynsky-photographs-exhibition>
Article about how Burtynsky’s background influenced the exhibition, The Great Acceleration, in NYC in 2025.
- **Epson America (4:22)**
https://youtu.be/VQMErToRe-g?si=6K1Ssd3iARo_6znI
Burtynsky discussing the importance of the printing process as a photographer
- **Musee Photography Magazine**
<https://museemagazine.com/culture/2023/2/28/exhibition-review-edward-burtynsky-african-studies>
Review of African Studies exhibition (2023). [Images](#) from the exhibition.
- **National Gallery of Canada (2:40)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WYWCrsXXxQg>
Collaborators discussing Anthropocene project. [Images](#) from the exhibition.

Optional

- **Ted Talk (3:22)**
https://www.ted.com/talks/edward_burtynsky_photographing_the_landscape_of_oil
Photographing the landscape of oil
- **Exhibition review**
<https://www.centred.ca/no-small-terror-edward-burtynsk/>
Conversational review examining conflicting feelings about Burtynsky’s exhibition No Small Terror