

## America the Beautiful: The Monumental Landscape of Clyde Butcher

SAINT PAUL - In a pioneering project among neighbors, The Saint Paul Public Library and James J. Hill Reference Library, with the Metropolitan Services Agency (MELSA) and The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, present the extraordinary black and white photographs of the acclaimed photographer Clyde Butcher for an exhibit in both libraries – America the Beautiful: The Monumental Landscape of Clyde Butcher, organized by Exhibits Development Group (EDG). The exhibit opens January 28, 2010.

Clyde Butcher's photographs celebrate the beauty of the American landscape. Their monumental scale and extraordinary clarity set them apart as exceptional works of art. Butcher composes his works at pristine and untarnished locations across the United States, creating arresting compositions that distinctly mark him as the foremost landscape photographer in America today.



America the Beautiful will consist of 50 large-scale black and white photographs of the American landscape, spanning beautiful sites across the United States, from the coast of Maine, to the Badlands, to Hawaii. The beauty of Butcher's photographs is further emphasized by the epic size of his works. The exceptional size of his compositions – the largest being 5 by 9 feet – allows viewers to experience the beauty of the site from an almost first-hand perspective. The photographs in this exhibition majestically capture the great public lands of the United States which Butcher, an avid conservationist, aims to preserve through his art.

The exhibition will open at the James J. Hill and St. Paul Central Libraries, downtown Saint Paul, on January 28, 2010 and run through April 15, 2010. The exhibit and associated programming is funded in part with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008 which dedicated funding to preserve Minnesota's arts and cultural heritage. America the Beautiful: The Monumental Landscape of Clyde Butcher was organized by the Muscarelle Museum of Art at the College of William & Mary. For more images, see [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com).