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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DATE: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 CONTACT PERSON: EMILY PEAK, VISUAL ARTS COORDINATOR SUBJECT: CHET STRANGE & PARKER MICHELS-BOYCE AT THE KREMPP GALLERY EXHIBIT DATES: February 1-27, 2019 FiRST THURSDAY RECEPTION: February 7, 2019, 5-7 PM

The Krempp Gallery at the Jasper Arts Center is pleased to present for the month of February Jasper native, and Boulder, Colorado resident and photographer, Chet Strange and Richmond, Virginia photographer, Parker Michels-Boyce.

The series of photographs displayed in the gallery is a collaboration between Parker and Chet. "Mile 806" is a portrait series of Appalachian Trail Thru-hikers, photographed at Mile Marker 806 on the Appalachian Trail, on Cold Mountain, Virginia. Studio lights and backdrops were set up on the trail, and hikers were photographed as they passed by. Hand-written journals and equipment will also be on display with the photographs. The work was originally displayed at the Craddock-Terry Gallery in Virginia, coinciding with a publication of the work in Outside Magazine.

Chet Strange is an independent editorial and commercial photographer. He desires to understand how humans affect, and are affected by, the world around them. He is a regular contributor to the New York Times, and has a clientele list that includes The Associated Press, The Guardian, The Washington Post and Monocle Magazine, among others.

Chet's work has been seen in National Geographic, Sports Illustrated, ESPN, USA Today, and publications worldwide. Commercially, Chet has worked alongside brands like Nike, Spotify, GE, Verizon Wireless, The Boys & Girls Club of America, healthcare companies, universities, and humanitarian organizations to help find solutions and provide imagery for both video production and still photography needs.

Parker Michels-Boyce is a photographer specializing in editorial work, portraiture, and event coverage. His main interest is documenting ways in which people interact with and affect the natural world. Parker's work has been published by the New York Times, The Washington Post, Outside magazine, The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, the Associated Press, and msnbc.com's Week in Pictures gallery.

A 2013 graduate of Indiana University, Chet studied Photojournalism and Environmental Science. In 2015, Chet attended the 67<sup>th</sup> Missouri Photo Workshop where he was the recipient of the Howard Chapnik Award for documenting social issues with honesty and integrity. He hopes to continue working to document human conditions of all scales.

Parker is originally from Minneapolis, MN and received his degree in photojournalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Currently living in Richmond, VA, he is accepting assignments and photography work of all types. To learn more about the artists visit their websites at, <u>www.chetstrange.com</u> and <u>www.pmbphotography.com</u>.

Meet the artists and listen to a Gallery Talk during the Opening Reception, at the Krempp Gallery on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 5:00- 7:00 pm. Cash bar and refreshments will be served.

The Krempp Gallery, located in the Jasper Arts Center adjacent to the VUJ campus, is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm, until 7 pm on Thursdays, and Sunday from noon to 3 pm. School groups, clubs, and students are welcome. Admission is free.

For more information, please call the Arts Center at 812-482-3070. The Jasper Arts Center is managed by the Jasper Community Arts, a department of the City of Jasper. JCA is supported by the Friends of the Arts, Inc., the Indiana Arts Commission through its regional partner the Vanderburgh Community Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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