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Two Iconic Los Angeles Magazines Team Up to Deliver a Multimedia Feature on the Old and New Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA – June 4, 2014 – The *Los Angeles Review of Books (LARB)* and *Los Angeles* magazine launched a joint venture today with the release of “Geoff Nicholson Maps the Territory”: a multimedia video, photograph, and print story on the ruins and reconstruction of Los Angeles. Featuring Geoff Nicholson, author of *The City Under the Skin*, and writer and critic Anthony Miller — with video by LARB AV and photography by Michael Schmelling — this is the first story collaboration between *LARB* and *Los Angeles* magazine.

“We’re so pleased to team up with *Los Angeles* magazine on a project that brings together such exceptional artists,” said Jonathan Hahn, Executive Editor of the *Los Angeles Review of Books*. “This project reflects *LARB*’s ongoing mission to not only lead the conversation on literature, politics, and culture, but to collaborate with and support those magazines seeking to deliver cutting-edge coverage of the arts for readers both in Los Angeles and around the world.”

“We’re thrilled about this multi-platform storytelling project,” says *Los Angeles* magazine Senior Editor Elina Shatkin. “What makes this particular project so intriguing is that it reframes the city we think we know and convinces us to look at it in a new light.”

The joint *LARB/Los Angeles* magazine feature coincides with the release this week of Nicholson’s new novel, *The City Under the Skin*. The author of 21 books including *The Lost Art of Walking*, *Footsucker*, and *Bleeding London*, Nicholson wanted to literally map the terrain of his fiction. He invited Miller, a longtime friend, to join him on a walk to explore a series of urban ruins hidden in plain sight. They started at the Hollywood Walk of Fame and made their way to Joan Didion’s former house. *LARB*’s multimedia division, LARB AV, recorded the video, which can be viewed at www.lamag.com and <http://lareviewofbooks.org>. Photographer Michael Schmelling documented the journey in a special photo series, “Maps and Territories.”

The print edition of the story, written by Anthony Miller, will appear in the June tabloid edition of the *Los Angeles Review of Books: The Magazine*, which is distributed to bookstores, coffee shops, libraries, and other businesses throughout Los Angeles.

To request an interview or feature, please contact Jessica Kubinec, jessica@lareviewofbooks.org, or Marielle Wakim, mwakim@lamag.com.

Links to the feature:

"Geoff Nicholson Maps the Territory by Anthony Miller"

<https://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/geoff-nicholson-maps-territory>

"Off the Grid: Mapping L.A.'s Edgelands with Writer Geoff Nicholson"

<http://www.lamag.com/laculture/culturefilesblog/2014/06/04/off-the-grid-mapping-las-edgelands-with-writer-geoff-nicholson>

"Geoff Nicholson Maps the Territory by LARB AV"

<https://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/video-geoff-nicholson-maps-territory>

"Maps and Territories by Michael Schmelling"

<https://lareviewofbooks.org/essay/maps-territories>

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ABOUT LOS ANGELES MAGAZINE

Los Angeles magazine, a regional publication of national stature, is the leading authority and indispensable guide for the influential population of Southern California, illuminating and chronicling one of the most important regions in the world. Produced monthly since the spring of 1961, *Los Angeles* magazine is a combination of award-winning feature writing, investigative reporting, service journalism, and design, and is the definitive resource covering the people, lifestyle, culture, entertainment, fashion, art and architecture, and news that define Southern California. A division of Emmis Communications, *Los Angeles* magazine is headquartered at 5900 Wilshire Boulevard, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90036, main telephone 323.801.0100, and online at www.lamag.com.