Joslyn features exhibition of video works by Janet Biggs

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Now through Sept. 10, visitors to the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha can view three video works by American artist Janet Biggs. Each of her videos focuses on an individual in an extreme environment, according to a release. Through these pieces, Biggs explores human adversity and the body’s capacity to adapt to demanding conditions.

Her 2012 video, “A Step on the Sun,” depicts a miner’s daily work: harvesting sulfur crystals from Jawah Ijen, a volcano in Java, Indonesia. Set against the stunning landscape of turquoise lakes and steep slopes, the worker endures poisonous sulfur-dioxide gases, the release said. In “Vanishing Point,” 2009, and “Written on Wax,” 2015, she explores the physiological and emotional effects of Alzheimer’s.

Biggs received a Master of Fine Arts from Moor College of Art in Philadelphia, then studied at the Rhode Island School of Design. Her work has been featured around the world.