Fields of Dreams
North American Baseball Stadiums
by Photographer Jim Dow

Described as having the “grandeur and loneliness of ancient ruins,” Jim Dow’s work has been cherished for documenting the disappearing uniqueness of America’s playing fields. In Dow’s view, American baseball parks are analogous to medieval cathedrals in being “a center of civic pride where people go to do some combination of worship and dream.” Fields of Dreams features 26 images, photographed in the early 1980s, of major American and Canadian stadiums. This exhibition is accompanied by informative text panels including historical stadium facts and memorable athletic accomplishments.

Using multiple color images taken with a camera that utilized 8 x 10 inches negatives, Dow created highly detailed panoramas offering an unusual view of the ballparks as seen from a fan’s point of view.

Selected excerpts from artdaily.org and the online archives of the Art Institute of Boston, Lesley College.

STADIUMS FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION:

- Alameda County Stadium, Oakland, California
- Anaheim Stadium, Anaheim, California
- The Astrodome, Houston, Texas
- Busch Stadium, St. Louis, Missouri
- Candlestick Park, San Francisco, California
- CNE Stadium, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Comiskey Park, Chicago, Illinois
- County Stadium, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, California
- Fenway Park, Boston, Massachusetts
- Fulton County Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia
- The Kingdome, Seattle, Washington
- The Metrodome, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego, California
- Memorial Stadium, Baltimore, Maryland
- Municipal Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio
- Olympic Stadium, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- Rangers Stadium, Arlington, Texas
- Riverfront Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio
- Royals Stadium, Kansas City, Missouri
- Three Rivers Stadium, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Tiger Stadium, Detroit, Michigan
- Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Wrigley Field, Chicago, Illinois
- Yankee Stadium, New York, New York