



## Portrait of a Construction Worker (from the Today in New York series)

### Date

2012

### Primary Maker

Charles Jerry "Jeremy" Ayers

### Medium

Photograph mounted on Plexiglas

### Description

Jeremy Ayers was an inspirational force in the Athens art scene for over four decades. An active member of Andy Warhol's Factory in New York City in the 1970s, Ayers eventually returned to Georgia. Here he found a receptive community for experiments in music and the visual arts. He frequently returned to New York and documented the height of the Occupy movement in 2011–12. Those photographs recall the scenes of daily life in New York City by Ben Shahn and Jacob Lawrence hanging nearby. Shahn's and Lawrence's works were often also coded with social protest. The exhibition *The Art of Jeremy Ayers* is on view at the nearby Lyndon House Arts Center until January 2021.