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International Center of Photography Announces 2011 Infinity Award Winners

Elliott Erwitt Recognized for Lifetime Achievement; Ruth Gruber Receives Cornell Capa Award

New York, NY (February 7, 2011) - The International Center of Photography (ICP) is proud to announce the recipients of the 27th Annual Infinity Awards. Recognized around the world, the awards are widely respected as the leading honor for excellence in the field of photography. The 2011 honorees will be celebrated at a gala event on **Tuesday, May 10, at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers**, in New York City.

"Infinity Award recipients are dedicated to exploring photography's cultural influence and how it opens new opportunities for communication and personal expression," states ICP Ehrenkranz Director Willis E. Hartshorn. "This year's recipients capture the importance of how photography shapes our sense of history in an ever more image-conscious world. We are pleased to recognize their achievements."

Each year ICP acknowledges the work of those whose powerful images and words excite, engage, and enliven us. Since 1985, the annual ICP Infinity Awards recognize major contributions and emerging talent in the fields of photojournalism, art, fashion photography, publishing, and writing. More than 700 prominent individuals from the business, fashion, philanthropy, art, entertainment and photography worlds are present to celebrate the world's leading photography professionals and demonstrate their commitment to creative expression and artistic achievement. The full range of ICP's programs, including exhibitions, education, collections, and community outreach benefit from funds raised by the Infinity Awards.

THE 2011 RECIPIENTS

Lifetime Achievement:	Elliott Erwitt
Cornell Capa Award:	Ruth Gruber
ICP Trustees Award:	The Durst Family
Young Photographer:	Peter van Agtmael
Writing:	Gerry Badger, <i>The Pleasures of Good Photographs</i>
Publication:	Alec Soth, <i>From Here to There: Alec Soth's America</i>
Art:	Abelardo Morell
Photojournalism:	Adrees Latif
Applied/Fashion/Advertising Photography:	Viviane Sassen

Beginning May 20, 2011, the work of Erwitt and Gruber will also be featured in two major exhibitions at ICP.

Past winners of the top awards have included Robert Frank, Mary Ellen Mark, Marc Riboud, André Kertész, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Berenice Abbott, Richard Avedon, Harold Evans, Bernd and Hilla Becher, Alexander Liberman, Gordon Parks, Helen Levitt, Annie Leibovitz, Lee

Friedlander, William Klein, Susan Meiselas, Roy de Carava, Malick Sidibé, John G. Morris, and Karl Lagerfeld.

Selection Committee

The 2011 recipient selection committee includes:

Philip Geffer, Author/Critic, New York, NY

Greg Hobson, Curator of Photographs, National Media Museum, Bradford, United Kingdom

Lisa Hostetler, Curator of Photographs, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee Wisconsin

The Lifetime Achievement, Cornell Capa, and ICP Trustee Award honorees are selected by the ICP Board of Trustees and senior staff.

Nominators

The following nominated candidates for the awards:

Morten Andersen, Photographer, Oslo, Norway

Camilla Brown, Senior Curator, The Photographer's Gallery, London, England

Peter Charlesworth, Director, OnAsia Images, Bangkok, Thailand

Jeffrey Chiedo, Director, Motus Fort Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Ayper Karabuda Ecer, Vice President Pictures/Graphics, Reuters News Agency, Paris, France

John Fleetwood, Head of the Market Photo Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa

Martin Parr, Photographer and Editor, London, England

Kira Pollack, Director of Photography, *Time Magazine*, New York, NY

Rong Rong, Founder, Three Shadows Photography Art Centre, Beijing, China

Oliva María Rubio, Exhibitions Director, La Fabrica, Madrid, Spain

Sam Stourdzé, Director, Musée de l'Elysée, Lausanne, Switzerland

Juan Travnik, Director, FotoGalería del Teatro San Martín, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Claartje van Dijk, Curatorial Assistant, Collections, ICP, New York, NY

Hripsimé Visser, Curator of Photography, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

THE 2011 INFINITY AWARDS

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, New York City

6:30 pm Cocktails

8:00 pm Dinner and Awards Ceremony

About ICP

The International Center of Photography (ICP) was founded in 1974 by Cornell Capa (1918-2008) as an institution dedicated to photography that occupies a vital and central place in contemporary culture as it reflects and influences social change. Through our museum, school and community programs, we embrace photography's ability to open new opportunities for personal and aesthetic expression, transform popular culture, and continually evolve to incorporate new technologies. ICP has presented more than 500 exhibitions, bringing the work of more than 3,000 photographers and other artists to the public in one-person and group exhibitions and provided thousands of classes and workshops that have enriched tens of thousands of students. Visit www.icp.org for more information.

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