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**Actor and Photographer Jeff Bridges to be Honored
at International Center of Photography Infinity Awards**

New York, NY (March 25, 2013)—The International Center of Photography (ICP) will make a special presentation to Academy Award–winning actor and photographer Jeff Bridges at the 29th Annual Infinity Awards gala event on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, in New York City. He is among eight Infinity Award recipients, including David Goldblatt (Cornell Capa Lifetime Achievement and Pat Schoenfeld (ICP Trustees Award).

As ICP’s largest annual fundraiser, the Infinity Awards are widely respected as the leading honor for excellence in the field of photography. The full range of ICP’s programs, including exhibitions, education, collections, and community outreach, benefit from funds raised by the Infinity Awards.

“It’s a surprise and it feels wonderful to be recognized by people who know and love photography,” said Bridges.

Truly passionate about photography, Bridges has made behind-the-scenes pictures of the actors, crew, and locations on his film sets with a Widlux F8 camera for three decades. His work has been shown in galleries in Los Angeles, New York, and London. After completion of each motion picture, he edits the images into a book and gives copies to everyone involved. The books, which have become valued by collectors, were never intended for public sale, but in the fall of 2006, powerHouse Books published *Pictures: Photographs by Jeff Bridges*, a compilation of images made on numerous film locations. His second monograph, *Jeff Bridges: Portraits*, will be published by Chronicle Books in 2014.

“ICP is proud to honor Jeff Bridges at the 2013 Infinity Awards,” said Mark Robbins, Executive Director of ICP. “In parallel with his illustrious career in film we celebrate his dedication to the arts and to the photographic image.”

Since 1985, the annual ICP Infinity Awards have recognized major contributions and emerging talent in the fields of photojournalism, art, fashion photography, and publishing. More than 500 prominent individuals from the business, fashion, philanthropy, art, entertainment, and photography worlds are present to celebrate leading photography professionals and demonstrate their commitment to creative expression and artistic achievement.

2013 INFINITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Cornell Capa Lifetime Achievement: David Goldblatt

ICP Trustees Award: Pat Schoenfeld

Young Photographer: Kitra Cahana

Art: Mishka Henner

Publication: Cristina de Middel, *The Afonauts*

Photojournalism: David Guttenfelder

Applied/Fashion/Advertising: Erik Madigan Heck

Special Presentation: Jeff Bridges

Past winners of the top awards include Elliott Erwitt, Ruth Gruber, Robert Frank, Mary Ellen Mark, Marc Riboud, André Kertész, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Berenice Abbott, Richard Avedon, Harold Evans, Alexander Liberman, Gordon Parks, Helen Levitt, Annie Leibovitz, Lee Friedlander, William Klein, Susan Meiselas, Roy DeCarava, Malick Sidibé, John G. Morris, Karl Lagerfeld, Daidō Moriyama, and Ai Weiwei.

THE 2013 INFINITY AWARDS

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, New York City

6:00 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Dinner and Awards Ceremony

About Jeff Bridges

Jeff Bridges, one of Hollywood's most successful actors and a six-time Academy Award nominee, has a film career that spans five decades. His work has been recognized by the Academy Awards, the Golden Globes, the Independent Spirit Awards, and the Screen Actors Guild. He has starred in major films including *The Last Picture Show* (1971), *TRON* (1982), *Starman* (1984), *The Fabulous Baker Boys* (1989), *The Fisher King* (1991), *The Big Lebowski* (1998), and *Crazy Heart* (2009)—for which he received an Oscar for Best Actor.

About ICP

The International Center of Photography (ICP) is the world's leading institution dedicated to the practice and understanding of photography and the reproduced image in all its forms. Through our exhibitions, educational programs, and community outreach, we offer an open forum for dialogue about the role images play in our culture. Since our founding, we have presented more than 500 exhibitions and offered thousands of classes, providing instruction at every level. ICP is a center where photographers and artists, students and scholars can create and interpret the world of the image within our comprehensive educational facilities and archive. Visit www.icp.org for more information.

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