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International Center of Photography Presents Teen Academy Imapemakers Exhibition
Sponsored by ING Financial Services; features photography by high school juniors and seniors

New York, NY (May 9, 2011) - The International Center of Photography (ICP) will present an exhibition of its Teen Academy Imapemakers students from May 27 through June 5, 2011, in its Rita K. Hillman Education Gallery (1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY). An opening reception, sponsored by ING Financial Services, will be held on June 1 from 6 to 8 p.m.

ICP's Teen Academy programs offer a range of opportunities for teenagers to develop their knowledge of photography. Courses range from 10-week classes in black-and-white and color instruction to the yearlong intensive Imapemakers program focusing on professional applications.

Teen Academy Imapemakers enables 36 motivated high school juniors and seniors to advance their photography skills and develop an awareness of the creative and professional possibilities in the photography field. The weekly program provides students with guidance from some of New York's best teaching artists; field trips to museums, galleries, and studios; college-prep workshops; pre-professional assignments; mentorship opportunities in the field; and full access to ICP's facilities.

"We are proud to support the Imapemakers exhibition opening reception that showcases the outstanding work of these talented and passionate students," said John Boyles, Chief Executive Officer, ING Financial Services LLC.

The curriculum is designed to cover a more in-depth study of photography including: self-portraiture, documentary study, photojournalism, personal vision, fashion, and studio work. At the completion of the program, students have created an extensive portfolio, including an artist's statement and résumé, and are honored in this gallery exhibition.

"All aspects of the Imapemakers curriculum are intended to encourage and inspire the students to further express and strengthen their artistic voices. Our college prep workshops further support their readiness for higher education. Last year, 100 percent of our Imapemakers graduates enrolled in college," said Willis E. Hartshorn, Ehrenkranz Director, ICP.

The Teen Academy program is made possible with generous support from the Altman Foundation, Surdna Foundation, The Norman and Heewon Cerk Gift Fund, ING Financial Services, Susan and Thomas Dunn, Joseph Alexander Foundation, and Milton and Sally Avery Arts Foundation.

For more information, contact teen_academy@icp.org or 212.857.0058. To register for classes, visit www.icp.org/school or call 212.857.0001. Scholarships are available for all Teen Academy classes.

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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