

## **MAGNUM FESTIVAL COMES TO NEW YORK JUNE 2007**

*Magnum Photos Celebrates 60 Years of Era-Defining Photographs  
Announcing the Formation of The Magnum Foundation*

(New York, NY, April 17, 2007)- Magnum Photos, the world's most elite collective of photographers announced today the launch of the **The Magnum Festival: Celebrating the Art of Documentary**, a month long tribute to documentary in photography, film and journalism. The prestigious agency, credited with taking some of the most iconic imagery of historic events such as the Spanish Civil War, D-Day, The Civil Rights Movement, Tiananmen Square, 9/11 and thousands of others, marks its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary today, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

The Magnum Festival will take place in New York City throughout the month of June with dozens of activities, exhibitions, public and private events all embracing the documentation of life spanning the globe.

"Documentary, in its many forms, creates understanding, appreciation and in many cases mobilize change," said Magnum's Managing Director, Mark Lubell. "Whether through pictures, moving images or the written word, documenting the life around us is vital to the preservation of our stories for generations to come."

### **Scheduled Highlights of the Magnum Festival include:**

- Werner Herzog Film Forum Series
- Documentary Film series at Lincoln Center's Walter Reade Theater by and about Magnum Photographers
- Magnum Photos Foundation Gala
- Photojournalism Symposium at the New York Public Library
- 19 photo exhibitions throughout New York City
- Magnum Photos Annual General Meeting

Since its inception in 1947, Magnum's photographers have collectively chronicled the most significant historical and cultural milestones of the past century. Magnum Photos was founded by the forefathers of documentary photography: Robert Capa, Henri Cartier-Bresson, David "Chim" Seymour, and George Rodger.

During the festival, Magnum will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) where members gather to review candidates for membership into the prestigious group. Its members—who include legends such as Bruce Davidson, Elliot Erwitt, Philip Jones Griffiths, Josef Koudelka, Susan Meiselas, Steve McCurry and Martin Parr— will return to the birthplace of Magnum, The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), for a private induction of its newest members. To date, the agency has 60 members worldwide.

Magnum Photos will also launch the **Magnum Foundation**-a 501 (c)3 organization created to providing grants to photographers who will continue to document the world with responsibility, concern, and integrity -- the cornerstones of storytelling in the Magnum style. The Magnum Foundation will work to preserve the historic archive of Magnum Photos for student education and academic research.

For more information about Magnum Festival events, visit  
[www.magnumfestival.org](http://www.magnumfestival.org)

About Magnum Photos: Magnum Photos is a photographic co-operative of great diversity and distinction owned by its photographer-members. Acclaimed for powerful individual vision, Magnum photographers chronicle the world and interpret its peoples, events and issues. Through its four editorial offices in New York, London, Paris and Tokyo, and a network of fifteen sub-agents, Magnum Photos provides photographs to the press, publishers, advertising agencies, television, galleries and museums across the world.

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