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FOTOWEEK DC ANNOUNCES 2009 AWARDS *Call for Entries for International Juried Competition*

Washington, DC- June 8, 2009 FOTOWEEK DC, the premier week-long photographic festival of the Nation's Capital, announces the return of its prestigious juried awards competition.

Established in 2008 to celebrate the power of photography, and to invite the public to join with the photographic community in a city-wide annual gathering, FotoWeek DC continues to fulfill its mission of raising awareness of photography's role in our world by recognizing and honoring extraordinary work.

FotoWeek DC is pleased to announce that its second annual FotoWeek DC Awards has expanded to an international call for entries of remarkable imagery, both in single and series form, as well as multimedia pieces that combine the strength of still images with video, sound and graphics. "So much profound work has been created by photographers from around the globe we felt we needed to include this work in our Awards and at our Festival," says Theo Adamstein, FotoWeek's founder and board president.

The competition is open to professionals, amateurs, and students with \$21,500 in cash awards including the \$5000 prestigious Spirit of Washington Award. Entries will be judged in 12 separate categories, and images created via any form of photography will be accepted for consideration (digital, film, cell phone, and alternatives processes). "Our objective is to bring great imagery to our International Awards" says Irene Owsley, FotoWeek DC Awards chair and American Society of Media Photographers co-president. "After all", continued Irene, "we have some of the profession's great leaders judging and viewing this work."

A distinguished panel of judges includes photographers Joyce Tenneson, David Alan Harvey, Simon Bruty, Paula Lerner, photo editors Alice Gabriner of the White House, Dan Westergren and Gail Fisher of National Geographic, Ruth Eichhorn of German Geo, Bonnie Stutski of Smithsonian Magazine, and collector Tony Podesta of Washington DC. Judges will select outstanding work that will be announced and recognized at the FotoWeek DC Awards ceremony to be held at the

National Geographic Society's Headquarters on Thursday, November 5, 2009.

Finalists' images from each of the categories will be exhibited in the official exhibition space, FOTOWEEK Central as part of the FotoWeek DC Festival

November 7-14, 2009. In addition, finalists' work will be shown online and published in a limited edition book in 2010.

Entries are now being accepted with early submission deadline of July 26th. The final Awards deadline is September 13, 2009. Visit www.fotoweekdc.org for a complete listing of award categories, eligibility, rules, judges and further information.

In addition to the annual Awards Competition, Youth Contest and week-long festival in

November, FotoWeek DC has many exciting events throughout the year, including FOTOBAMA, an international exhibition of photographs from the presidential election currently at the Newseum, Cameras for Kids and other community youth programs.

FotoWeek DC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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