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**Relive Historic Moments with the Pulitzer Prize-Winning Photographs at the International
Photography Hall of Fame and Museum**

OKLAHOMA CITY – View the world's most iconic images such as the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima and the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the upcoming exhibition at the International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum. "Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs," the most comprehensive collection of 138 Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs, will be on display Dec. 15, 2007 to March 30, 2008 throughout all galleries.

"The International Photography Hall of Fame is pleased to exhibit the best in photojournalism," IPHF director Katie Sutton said. "The images in 'Capture the Moment' are a testament to the importance of photography in reporting world events."

The exhibit includes many photos from historic moments that are instantly recognizable, especially war-related photos from around the world. The photos include Joe Rosenthal's World War II photograph of the raising of the flag over Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima in 1945 and many haunting images from the Vietnam War.

The exhibit also includes photographs of Olympic events and moments of joy, youth, and inhuman world conditions. Robert H. Jackson's 1964 photo of Jack Ruby shooting Lee Harvey Oswald is one indelible image from the exhibit. Another is a family's joy in greeting a father returning from a prisoner of war camp in 1974.

Two of the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs were taken in Oklahoma. The 1952 winner depicts racial tension played out on the football field at an Oklahoma A&M game in 1951, and the other is the well-known image by Charles Porter of a fireman holding Baylee Almon after the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing in 1995.

The Pulitzer Prize for photography is given to distinguished photography “in black and white or color, which may consist of a photograph or photographs, a sequence or album.” The exhibit features every Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph since 1942, the first year the prize was awarded. The photography prize is given in two categories each year – spot/breaking news and feature.

In 1911, Joseph Pulitzer left a \$2 million endowment in his will for Columbia University. Three-fourths of it was used to establish the Columbia School of Journalism, and the remaining amount was for “prizes, scholarships for the encouragement of public service, public morals, American literature and the advancement of education.”

An advisory board oversees the prizes, and Columbia University is the administrator. Every April, the president of Columbia announces the winners, which the Pulitzer Prize Board recommends. Each year, more than 2,000 entries are submitted and 90 judges serve on 20 juries and make three nominations for the 21 Pulitzer Prize categories.

Opening Reception and Guest Lecture

On December 15, the IPHF will host a guest lecture, starting at **5 p.m.** and an opening reception and book signing to follow. Cyma Rubin, exhibit curator and Slava Veder, the 1974 winner for “Burst of Joy” will lecture in the Eleanor Maurer Auditorium (inside the Omniplex) and will sign copies of the “Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs” catalog. Rubin will discuss the history of the Pulitzer and Veder will recount his experience as a photojournalist and the winning image, which captures the homecoming of a Vietnam P.O.W. and his family’s reaction. Veder was a photographer for the *Tulsa World* in the 1950’s, before working for the Associated Press.

Special guests also include Jordan Keesler, who as a Marine serving in Iraq, was the subject of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize-winning images, taken by Anya Niedringhaus. Keesler now resides in Claremore, OK.

Tickets for the event are \$20 at the door, or \$15 for nonmembers and \$10 for IPHF members and students with advance purchase.

Gift Shop Merchandise

The “Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs” catalogue will be available December 15 in the IPHF Gift Shop. It features high quality reproductions of each photograph in the exhibition, firsthand accounts, biographies of the Pulitzer Prize winners and interviews with many of the surviving winners. The catalog is \$30 for nonmembers and \$25 for members.

The Emmy Award-winning documentary “Moment of Impact: Stories of the Pulitzer Prize Photographs” will also be available for purchase starting December 15. It features an in-depth look at six of the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs as the photographers revisit the scenes where they captured their winning images. The price is \$20 for nonmembers and \$15 for members.

Admission to the Omniplex, Science Museum Oklahoma is \$9.50 for adults (13-64); \$8.25 for seniors (65 and older) and children (3-12); and free for IPHF members and children younger than

5. An additional exhibition charge of \$3 will also be collected at the IPHF entrance for adults (12 and older), children and IPHF members are free.

“Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs” is made possible through the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation, the Oklahoma Arts Council, *The Oklahoman* and W&W Steel.

“Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs” was developed by the Newseum, the interactive museum of news, in association with Business Of Entertainment, Inc., of NYC, Cyma Rubin, curator. The Newseum, which is moving to Washington, D.C., is funded by the Freedom Forum-a nonpartisan Foundation Dedicated to free press, free speech, and the free spirit for all people. For more information about the Newseum, visit www.newseum.org.

The International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum is a private, non-profit 501c(3) corporation whose mission is to *promote the awareness and education of the history of photography*. Since 1983, the IPHF has made its home at the Omniplex, Science Museum Oklahoma, exhibiting its permanent collection of photographic prints and equipment, and features a variety of photographic subjects. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.iphf.org>.