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## St. Louis: A Chinese Perspective Exhibition December 23, 2015 – February 28, 2016

St. Louis (December 15, 2015) – The International Photography Hall of Fame presents, **"St. Louis: A Chinese Perspective",** Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

This exhibition represents the work of sixteen photographers from Nanjing in May 2015 that IPHF hosted, and the visit celebrated our Sister City Collaborative with the Federation of the Arts photographers from Nanjing, China. This cultural initiative is a reciprocation of a visit that IPHF photographers made to Nanjing one year ago.

Executive Director Patty Wente says, "Where else can you see most of St. Louis in one Exhibiion? Through the Art of Photography, these Chinese Photographers present St. Louis through their lens, which heightens the cultural understanding of China." It's remarkable."

The photographers visited St. Louis attractions and iconic sites where they had the opportunity to photograph nature, architecture, active sports, art venues and historical sites. They took photographs of the Botanical Garden, Fox Theater, the Post Office, Arch, Courthouse, the Cathedral Basilica, Central West End, Ballpark Village Stadium, Laumeier Sculpture Park, St. Louis Art Museum, Kranzberg Art Center, the photo gallery at The Dark Room, historic Hermann and other places of interest.

The sixteen Chinese photographers are a very impressive group. Their photographic work has been awarded, published, featured in impressive exhibitions in China, and been the subject of documentary productions. Several hold leadership positions with a variety of photography associations: Nanjing Photographers Association, Yuhuatai District Photographers Association, and Lishui District Photographers Association.



Photographers represented are: Liu Jie, Jiang Mingdeng, Liu Chuanjun, Jiang Suping, Wei Fuchun, Chen Xiangyu, Diao Aiguo, Le Hong, Gao Dongyang, Cao Jianhun, Tian Songhu, Chen Tianhe, Hu Xiangyang, Pan Jinyu, He Jianping and Lijun Zhou.

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IPHF is located at 3415 Olive Street, St. Louis, MO, 63103 in Grand Center above the Triumph Restaurant... Open Wednesday-Saturday from 11am-5pm. \$5 for Adults/\$3 Seniors and Students. Free to Members. For more information: 314-535-1999 or go on line to: iphf.org.

## About IPHF

The International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to celebrate the achievements of the inventors, pioneers, and pivotal artists throughout the history of photography.

The IPHF has preserved the art of photography and its contribution to modern civilization since 1965, and is the proud home to over 6,000 historical cameras and 30,000 images. The IPHF is located in the Grand Center Arts District in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, please visit www.iphf.org.