The International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum Presents Special Exhibition, 40th Anniversary: Nanjing-St. Louis Sister City: Retrospective

Exhibit features images of Nanjing, China, St. Louis' sister city since 1979

ST. LOUIS, April 8, 2019 – The International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum (IPHF) presents a special exhibition, 40th Anniversary: Nanjing-St. Louis Sister City: Retrospective, in celebration of the unique partnership between St. Louis and Nanjing, China. The exhibition features more than 150 images of Nanjing, a city both rich in history and vibrantly modern. In 1979, St. Louis was the first U.S. city to establish formal ties with a sister city in China. This partnership has grown throughout the intervening years with continued exchanges of culture, commerce and goodwill. IPHF is proud to continue this tradition offering a unique glimpse of life in Nanjing, China. The exhibition runs from Saturday, April 27 through Saturday, July 6 and is funded by the Nanjing Archive Bureau in Association with the Nanjing Foreign Affairs office and the Sister City Program.

A delegation of dignitaries from Nanjing, including the Honorable Yang Xuepeng, Executive Vice Mayor of Nanjing, China, will be visiting St. Louis in celebration of the Sister City Anniversary, meeting with the Mayor at City Hall and visiting other local sites including the Missouri Botanical Garden and the St. Louis Zoo before attending a special VIP opening reception at the IPHF.

“This photo exhibit is an exciting part of the programs sponsored by the St. Louis-Nanjing Sister City Committee in celebration of this significant anniversary of our
relationship. We are especially thankful to the IPHF for its tremendous efforts on this great project," said Neal Perryman, Chair of the Sister City Committee.

IPHF will also host a lecture in conjunction with this exhibition, *The Nanjing-St. Louis Sister City Relationship at 40: Our Window on China*, presented by Joel Glassman, on Saturday, May 11 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Glassman, who has been involved with the Nanjing-St. Louis Sister City relation for its entire 40 year history, will offer some background and history of the relationship. He also will discuss what we can learn about China's social, economic and political environment through the prism of this relationship.

*40th Anniversary: Nanjing-St. Louis Sister City: Retrospective* will be on view during regular museum hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 11a.m. to 5 p.m. at the IPHF, located at 3415 Olive Street in the Grand Center Arts District of St. Louis. The cost of admission is $10 for adults, $5 for seniors and students, and free to members and children under age five. For more information about this exhibition, visit [www.iphf.org](http://www.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 2,000 historical cameras and 30,000 images. The IPHF is located in the Grand Center Arts District in St. Louis, Missouri. For more information, visit iphf.org.

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