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## Robert Klein Gallery and Ars Libri to Exhibit Bruce Davidson Photographs



## BRUCE DAVIDSON: WITNESS

February 9 – March 30 @ Robert Klein Gallery February 1 – March 30 @ Ars Libri

East 100th Street (Couple Dancing at a Social Club, Harlem, New York), 1966-68

BOSTON, MA – The Robert Klein Gallery (38 Newbury St) and Ars Libri (500 Harrison Ave) are proud to announce a twofold exhibition of photographs by Bruce Davidson, one of the most influential photographers of the twentieth century. Modern and vintage prints from Davidson's best-known series, including *Brooklyn Gang*, *East* 100<sup>th</sup> Street, and *Time of Change*, will be shown at both venues simultaneously.

This two-part showcase, *Bruce Davidson: Witness*, will open with a reception at Ars Libri on Friday, February I, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM as part of the South End's First Fridays. An opening reception with the artist will be held at the Robert Klein Gallery on Saturday, February 9, from 4 to 6 PM.

Davidson first gained notoriety when he was only twenty-five, skillfully observing and photographing a group of teenagers in 1950s New York City. In 1961, Davidson received a Guggenheim Fellowship to document the American Civil Rights Movement; the work provided the foundation for his 2002 monograph *Time of* Change. Later in the 1960s, Davidson met and photographed the residents of one block of East 100<sup>th</sup> Street in East Harlem, producing a portrait of hope and dignity in one of the most dangerous neighborhoods in America. Davidson continues to photograph to this day. He has been a full member of Magnum Photos since 1959.

The Robert Klein Gallery has worked with Davidson for over twenty years and last exhibited his work in 2003, when St. Ann's Press reissued the monograph *East 100<sup>th</sup> Street*. This dual exhibition at the Robert Klein Gallery and Ars Libri will coincide with shows of Davidson's work at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy in Andover.

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The Robert Klein Gallery and Ars Libri have partnered to mount satellite photography exhibitions in the South End bookseller's gallery space since June 2012. For photographers and fans of photography, local non-profit Photo Nights Boston will sponsor a networking event at Ars Libri on Friday, February 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Additional details will follow.

KEY DATES
@ Robert Klein Gallery (38 Newbury St) February 9 – March 30 Opening Reception with the Artist: Saturday, February 9, 4 – 6 PM
<ul> <li>@ Ars Libri (500 Harrison Ave) February I – March 30 Opening Reception: Friday, February I, 5:30 – 7:30 PM Networking Event with Photo Nights Boston: Friday, February 8, 5:30 – 7:30 PM (Additional details will follow)</li> </ul>

The **ROBERT KLEIN GALLERY** was established in 1980 and ranks among the world's most prestigious showrooms of fine art photography.

Robert Klein opened his Newbury Street space with early exhibitions of Diane Arbus, Annie Leibovitz, Sally Mann, and Hiroshi Sugimoto. From 1995 through 2008, Robert served as President of the Board of Directors of the Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD). During his tenure, Robert engineered the 2006 expansion of The AIPAD Photography Show New York to the Park Avenue Armory. The AIPAD Photography Show's move firmly established it as one of the leading photographic fairs in the world. Robert continues to serve on AIPAD's Board of Directors.

The Robert Klein Gallery maintains an extensive and ever-changing inventory of 19th century, 20th century, and contemporary photographs. Participating in international art fairs such as Paris Photo, The Armory Show – Modern, and The AIPAD Photography Show in New York, the Robert Klein Gallery provides its contemporary artists with international exposure while exhibiting works by recognized masters such as Ansel Adams, Helen Levitt, and Irving Penn. With 40 combined years of experience and a profound knowledge base, the gallery staff is committed to serving as a resource for both novice and seasoned collectors.

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Tuesday – Friday: 10 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturday: 11 AM – 5 PM
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**ARS LIBRI**, the internationally renowned rare bookdealer in the field of art, architecture, and photography, continues to show changing selections from its stock in its gallery at 500 Harrison Avenue. These include rare illustrated books, photographs, posters, and documents of Dada, Surrealism, Expressionism, Pop, Fluxus, and other modern art movements, as well as Renaissance and Baroque architectural treatises, Islamic manuscripts, 19th century photographs, and classic *livres d'artiste* by Picasso and Matisse.

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Monday – Friday: 9 AM – 6 PM
Saturday: 11 AM – 5 PM
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**PHOTO NIGHTS BOSTON** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2010. We believe that a picture taken is a life shared and that with every click of the shutter, we see the world in the same way, if only for a moment. Most of all, we believe photography is a chance to Project Yourself. To bring this message to

life, we're building a community for photographers and creatives to come together, leading up to our landmark event - a public photo festival in Boston where we will project large-scale images on Boston's iconic buildings and on large outdoor screens. The pictures will come from a diverse selection of photographers through an open call for submissions. Everything from youth works to commissioned professional works will be represented, including submissions from the Artists for Humanity youth photography program. We'll create a unique, immersive experience for Bostonians and visitors alike.

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