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VIVIAN MAIER: OUT OF THE SHADOWS

Kill Date - March 23

Exhibition Title: Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows **Exhibition Dates:** February 1 - March 23, 2013 **Opening Reception:** Friday, February 15, 6-8PM

Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday 11 am - 10 pm, Friday - Sunday 12 pm - 8 pm

Location: Photo Center NW, 900 12th Avenue, Seattle, 98122

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Lecture & Book Signing:

Richard Cahan, co-author of Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows

February 8, 6:30 pm @ Photo Center NW

The Photo Center NW is proud to present **Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows**, an exhibition of photographs by Vivian Maier (1926-2009) from the Jeffrey Goldstein collection. This exhibition of posthumous silver gelatin prints puts Maier's work in the context of her life during her highly creative period from the 1950s through the 1970s. This is the first time Maier's impressive body of work and unique story will be shared in Seattle.

Maier's work was discovered in Chicago in 2007 when boxes of abandoned prints, negatives and undeveloped film were sold at auction. Born in New York, Maier spent much of her youth in France. Starting in the late 1940s, she shot an average of a roll of film a day. She moved to Chicago in the mid-1950s, and spent the next 40 years working as a nanny to support her passion for photography. Maier died at the age of 83 before her work was ever publically recognized or exhibited.

The New York Times writes, "Maier's photographs [...] add to the history of 20th-century street photography by summing it up with an almost encyclopedic thoroughness, veering close to just about every well-known photographer you can think of, including Weegee, Robert Frank and Richard Avedon, and then sliding off in another direction. Yet they maintain a distinctive element of calm, a clarity of composition and a gentleness characterized by a lack of sudden movement or extreme emotion."

The exhibition coincides with the release of the Vivian Maier: Out of the Shadows book. A lecture and book signing with Richard Cahan, co-author of the book, will take place at the Photo Center on February 8th at 6:30 PM; Jeffrey Goldstein will also be present to answer any questions. More details above.



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