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THE LUCIE AWARDS CELEBRATES 15-YEAR MILESTONE WITH NEW BOOK PRIZES; PUBLIC INVITED TO CHOOSE NOMINEES FOR DOUBLE EXPOSURE AWARD GALA ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017, AT ZANKEL HALL AT CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK CITY

JULY 11, 2017 (*Los Angeles, CA*) - The Lucie Awards ceremony returns to New York to once again honor the legends of photography with exciting new initiatives and an extraordinary line-up of recipients. The 15th Annual Lucie Awards gala promises to be an engaging celebration, weaving musical surprises throughout the evening.

With the aim of engaging the creative public, The Lucie Awards introduces public nominations for the DOUBLE EXPOSURE AWARD. The DOUBLE EXPOSURE AWARD, bestowed only three times in The Lucie Awards' history, will be public nominations this now open to via link: http://www.lucies.org/double-exposure-nomination/. Prior winners of this prestigious honor include singer-songwriter-photographer Graham Nash; Oscar, Emmy, Tony award-winning actress and photographer Jessica Lange; and composer, performer, filmmaker, and photographer Michael Nyman. Each winner has achieved great notoriety in both photography and one or more other creative fields.

Additionally, Lucie Foundation will offer cash prizes for the newly established **Lucie Photo Book Prize**, winners to be announced during Lucie Week activities, this October. The Lucie Photo Book Prize winners will have cash prizes bestowed upon them: The Lucie PhotoBook Prize – traditional award garners a \$3,000 award and the independent award, \$2,000. The top 30 finalists will have their works displayed during the IPA Best of Show Party.

The Lucie Editions consist of 56 limited-edition, signed poster series made by the master photographers who have been recognized over the years at The Lucie Awards. This series of posters were created with the intention of making these iconic photographic works more accessible to aspiring photographers and photo enthusiasts. The Lucie Honorees represent some of the most important photographers of the 21st century. Posters are available at https://www.lucies.org/store/product-category/lucie_editions

The Lucie Foundation, along with it's Advisory Board, has announced an impressive list of seven honorees for the 15th annual Lucie Awards, in addition to the soon-to-be-announced Double Exposure

Award Honoree.

These names below are added to the list of 133 prior honorees: Larry Fink for Achievement in Documentary, Dominique Issermann for Achievement in Fashion, Abelardo Morell for Achievement in Fine Art, Judith Joy Ross for Achievement in Portraiture, Steve Schapiro for Achievement in Photojournalism, Art Shay as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award and, Josephine Herrick Project as the recipient of the Humanitarian Award.

The Red Carpet Gala ceremony will be held at New York's renowned at Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall, on Sunday, October 29, 2017.

In addition to recognizing these six masters in their fields plus the Double Exposure Award, the Lucie Photo Book Prize winners, and the Josephine Herrick Project, The Lucie Awards also honors the year's best photographic achievements by presenting seven Support Category Awards. These categories range from Fashion Layout of the Year to Curator/Exhibition of the Year. These Support Awards acknowledge the individuals and institutions that play an important part in the crafting and promoting of images.

At this year's gala, The International Photography Awards (IPA), the outstanding global competition and sister-effort of The Lucie Awards, will announce the top four winners, including the Photographer of the Year sponsored by AtEdge. The IPA has awarded over \$250,000 in prize money over the last 16 years. Winning work is displayed in the coveted annual Best of Show exhibition at Splashlight, during Lucie Week. The Lucie Awards is a signature program of the Lucie Foundation.

Tickets will be available at <u>http://www.lucies.org/tickets/</u> on July 29, 2017. For additional information on the 2017 Lucie Awards, please visit <u>http://www.lucies.org</u>

About Lucie Foundation - The Lucie Foundation's mission is to honor master photographers, discover and cultivate emerging talent, and promote the appreciation of photography worldwide. In addition to Month of Photography Los Angeles (MOPLA), the Foundation presents year-round programming to support high school students through SNAPSHOP!, emerging and professional photographers through the Lucie Scholarship Program and master photographers through The Lucie Awards. Lucie Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable foundation. www.luciefoundation.org

PHOTO CAPTIONS/CREDITS BELOW - LEFT TO RIGHT: Top row - Art Shay by Natalie Shay; Abelardo Morell by Alyssa McDonald; Larry Fink by Geoffrey Berliner. Second row - Steve Schapiro by Theophilus Donoghue; Judith Joy Ross by Susan Ravits; Dominique Issermann by Sean Bolger. Third row - Josephine Herrick Project.







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