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“Magnum Contact Sheets” exhibition opens

Special exhibition in The Cube in Eschborn from 13 May to 19 August 2016

The Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation is opening the “Magnum Contact Sheets” exhibition this Thursday. The exhibition will display more than 100 works by artists under contract to the renowned Magnum Photos Paris agency. The works are presented next to their associated raw material, the contact sheets, giving a unique insight into the origins of some of the best-known images of our time. The exhibition will run from 13 May to 19 August 2016 at Deutsche Börse’s headquarters in Eschborn.

Starting with early works by Henri Cartier-Bresson and Robert Capa, the exhibition spans the decades to contemporary photographs by Mikhael Subotzky, Jim Goldberg and Martin Parr. Documentary and artistic approaches are equally represented. The extensive exhibition gives insights into selection processes and creative strategies of works that have become icons of photographic history. Many of the photos exhibited are also represented in Art Collection Deutsche Börse.

“We are delighted that we can now also display the Magnum Contact Sheets here as part of their world tour. The exhibition of the contact sheets provides an intimate insight into the way the photographers work. The exhibition illustrates that it is often just a brief moment that decides the quality and message of a photograph and makes it a masterpiece,” said Anne-Marie Beckmann, Director of the Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation.

“Magnum Contact Sheets” has already been shown in renowned institutions such as C/O Berlin and FOAM Fotografiemuseum Amsterdam. It is open for viewing through guided tours until 19 August 2016. Further information and forthcoming dates for the art tours of “Magnum Contact Sheets” are available online at www.deutscheboersephotographyfoundation.org. You can find a full list of all 65 artists featured in the special exhibition and press images in the attachment.

“Magnum Contact Sheets” is a co-production of Magnum Photos and Forte di Bard.

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Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation

“Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation”, a Frankfurt-based non-profit foundation, promotes contemporary photography. The foundation activities focus on collection, exhibition and promotion. For instance, one of the key aims of the foundation is to expand the Art Collection Deutsche Börse. Deutsche Börse began to build up its collection of contemporary photography in 1999. Art Collection Deutsche Börse now comprises more than 1,600 works by over 100 international artists. The collection and a changing exhibition programme are open to the public. The Photography Prize is a key project of the foundation. It is awarded in cooperation with the Photographers' Gallery London and will be presented under the name Deutsche Börse Photography Foundation Prize for the first time on 2 June 2016. Other focal points include promoting new talent, supporting exhibition projects of international museums and institutions, and the expansion of platforms for academic discussion about the medium.