SCHOOL TOURS AT THE Photographical Resource Center

Bring your students to the Photographic Resource Center for a fun and educational exploration of all things photographic. The PRC is happy to offer free tours of its varied and diverse temporary exhibitions for students in grades 2 through 12. School tours are interactive and inquiry-based so students will have the opportunity to discover the stories behind the pictures. Tours at the PRC support Citywide Learning Standards and the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks using material presented in current exhibitions. For more information about the PRC, its exhibitions, school tours, and other educational programs and resources, please visit our website at prcboston.org or call 617.975.0600.

TOUR OPTIONS

Guided Exhibition Tours
Guided school tours at the PRC are inquiry-based and encourage student participation while promoting critical looking and thinking skills. Groups will be oriented to the PRC, its resources, and the exhibition. Students will then work in small groups to examine and respond to content and techniques presented in the artwork on view.

Self-guided Exhibition Tours
Groups will be welcomed and oriented to the PRC, its resources, and the exhibition. Teachers may then guide their students through the space.

UPCOMING EXHIBITION TOURS

Masters of Photography Tour of the 2007 Benefit Auction Preview Exhibition
September 14 – October 21, 2007
Students will have the unique opportunity to see and discuss masterworks of 20th and 21st century photography on view in the PRC’s 2007 Benefit Auction Preview Exhibition. Included are works by many renowned photographers including Harold “Doc” Edgerton, Gordon Parks, Alfred Stieglitz, William Wegman, Aaron Siskind, Walker Evans, and Abelardo Morell.

AD | AGENCY
November 9, 2007 – January 27, 2008
Students have the opportunity to explore a variety of issues related to consumerism in this dynamic group exhibition of photo-based work. The art on view presents, alters, and reflects on consumer-based imagery—from materials such as advertising and product photography, to catalogues, print ads, products, or stores themselves. Students can investigate the life behind and power of the objects, signs, and symbols that are marketed to us and how they fit into the cycle of consumption.

2008 Student Exhibition
February 8 – March 16, 2008
Featuring nearly 100 student works juried by the PRC’s Institutional Member Schools, this exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity for younger students to learn about varied and diverse approaches to photography while experiencing what local colleges and universities have to offer. As of Fall 2007 schools represented include the Art Institute of Boston, Boston University, Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University, Endicott College, Emerson College, Fitchburg State, Hallmark Institute of Photography, Massachusetts College of Art + Design, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Newbury College, New England Institute of Art, New England School of Photography, Northeastern University, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Simmons College, Wellesley College, and the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.
UPCOMING EXHIBITION TOURS CONTINUED

A New England Survey Tour
March 28 – May 4, 2008

This exhibition surveys contemporary work from and of the New England landscape. The exhibition takes for its inspiration a poem by Amherst poet Robert Francis (1901-1987), “New England Mind.” This exhibition will focus on aspects and issues of the land, landscape, and a sense of place particular to this region. The exhibition will likely feature one photographer and project from each of the New England states (MA, RI, CT, NH, VT, and ME).

EXPOSURE: The 13th Annual PRC Juried Exhibition
May 23 – July 2, 2008

The PRC’s annual Juried Exhibition features an exciting array of established as well as “up-and-coming photographers” representing the breadth and quality of photography today. This is a good opportunity for students to experience the stimulating work produced in their own community and beyond. The 2008 juror is Lesley A. Martin, Publisher, Aperture Foundation.

TOUR REQUIREMENTS

• The maximum group size is 20.
• Tours are offered between 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The PRC will try to accommodate your tour request date and time but asks that you provide two alternative dates and times.
• One adult chaperone is required per 10 students. Up to 3 chaperones will be permitted into the gallery free of charge. Additional chaperones will be required to pay the $3 gallery admission fee.
• Tours are typically 50 minutes in duration. If you have special time considerations please note that in your request form and a PRC staff person will contact you.

SCHEDULING YOUR VISIT

To schedule your tour complete the School Tour Request Form and submit it, via mail or fax, at least two weeks prior to your visit. Once the request is processed a confirmation letter will be sent to you confirming the date and time of your tour.

Submit the School Tour Request Form to: Photographic Resource Center at Boston University, Attn: Education Manager, 832 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215, 617.975.0606 (fax)

LOCATION

The Photographic Resource Center at Boston University is located at 832 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215. Visit prcboston.org for directions.

TEACHER RESOURCES

Educator’s Guide – Responding to Photography

Responding to Photography is an interactive guide designed to enhance your educational experience with curated exhibitions at the PRC. In these guides you will find helpful information and activities that will facilitate your students’ understanding of the subject matter and medium of the artwork on view in current PRC exhibitions. Responding to Photography guides are available to download on the PRC’s website prcboston.org. Educators are encouraged to use the information presented in the guide to prepare for their visit to the PRC.

Aaron Siskind Library

The Aaron Siskind Library houses over 4,000 photographic books and 80 periodicals from around the world. It provides a wonderful opportunity to investigate photographic approaches and concepts seen in PRC exhibitions, or to conduct research for lesson plans, papers, and other assignments.

For more information on School Tours and Teacher Resources, please contact the Education Manager at mchristiano@prcboston.org or 617.975.0600.