ONWARD: After nearly 40 years, the PRC is moving

BOSTON, MA, 1/30/2017  ~ The following is the letter we sent out to our 400 members & 5,000 e-newsletter subscribers earlier last week:

As you may know, Boston University has generously hosted the Photographic Resource Center on Commonwealth Avenue and other locations on its campus since 1979, nearly 40 years.

Last month, the University informed the PRC that they will renovate and re-purpose the building that is our current home for a new bookstore. The work will commence this summer. As a result, the PRC must find and move to a new location off campus as of July 1st. Moving news does not come as a complete surprise; the University has told us in the past that at some point we would need to move and we've been working on plans and making inquires. We're well into mapping out and finalizing our transition strategy and investigating options for our next steps.

Our spring exhibitions and programming proceed as planned: we will host another wonderful "YOUR WORK HERE" square-themed open call in February, the 15th Annual Student Show in March, followed by eagerly-anticipated 21st Annual Juried Show. The latter, EXPOSURE 2017, will be the last in our current space.

While we do not know just yet where our new home will be, and we may work out of temporary headquarters for a short time -- we DO know how we will get there: with you. In the meantime, we will continue our lecture series; Nights at the PRC work-sharing events, and collaborative and pop-up exhibitions. What's more, we hope to launch our new website this summer, which will offer online exhibition opportunities and community postings. Moreover, with the move, we do have plans to expand our offerings -- via workspaces, residencies, and a members gallery -- and have been talking to potential partners and organizations.

The PRC is called a center, but it is also and always a community. At its heart, the PRC has always a nimble alternative space: we first started in Chris Enos's loft and only added a gallery in 1985. Our community has sustained the PRC for nearly four decades at BU and, with YOUR help and support, it will guide and carry us to our next location as Boston's vital forum for celebrating and exploring new ideas, works, and methods in photography. As it says proudly on our windows, the PRC has at its core: education, exhibitions, and resources.

We are grateful to Boston University for its support of the PRC over the years -- and are excited about the new possibilities that lie ahead. We'll keep you posted on developments as they occur and continue to #PRCconnects. See you soon -- enjoy our events, explore our exhibitions, and delve into the treasure that is our library -- and stay tuned!

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Sincerely,
Bruce Myren, Acting Executive Director
John Bunzick, President
and the PRC Board of Directors

P.S. Would you like to be involved in our planning for the move and/or actually rolling up your sleeves? Contact us at volunteer@prcboston.org to find out how you can help. Continue to check our website and social media pages for updates about our move, event announcements, and much more! If you have further questions, comments, or ideas, you are welcome to email Bruce directly at brucemyren@prcboston.org or call him at 617-719-5674.

~ OVER PLEASE~
UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:
5x5: A Celebration of the Square and A Unique Exhibition of Affordable Photography
February 3 - February 25, 2017
Open house, preview, drop off, February 2nd, 5:30-8pm
This is a unique and fun exhibition of affordable square works made to be sold. From a call to members and the public, this show will include digital or traditional prints in “only square 5 x 5 inch format, connecting with the PRC’s square logo and medium format. 5 x 5” (max) prints will be for sale for $50 to honor the PRC’s next major milestone and proceeds split 50/50. Sales will go to benefit the PRC and its programs. Work will be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the show. A required form will be available soon on the PRC website.

2007 PRC Student Exhibition - March 10 - April 15, 2017, Opening March 16th, 5:30-8pm
This yearly exhibition honors the rich tradition of photography in the New England area and features work from the PRC’s Institutional Member Schools. For the 15th Annual show this year, 15-20 schools and programs from across the region will be showcased.

EXPOSURE 2017: The 21st Annual PRC Juried Exhibition - April 28 - June 10, 2017, Opening May 4th, 5:30-8pm
The PRC’s renowned annual juried exhibition showcases and honors emerging and midcareer photographers from across the country. Since its inception in 1996, over 340 artists have displayed several images from their respective series on the PRC’s gallery walls.
JUROR, Dr. Sarah AND SUBMISSIONS: TBA soon!

PRC PROGRAMMING:

NIGHTS AT THE PRC: Our popular Nights at the PRC are an opportunity for members to share and discuss their work and receive feedback. Each Night is led by a different artist and with a different theme. Presenters must be PRC members and sign up in advance, but engaged audience members are always welcome (and FREE), no RVSP needed. Come, chat photo, and connect at #NightsatthePRC!
For more info about Nights, our hosts, and how to sign up as a presenter and/or join, visit www.prcboston.org/nightsprc.htm.

MONTHLY PORTFOLIO REVIEWS: The PRC has launched new monthly portfolio reviews for members. These reviews are conducted by esteemed regional curators, gallerists, writers, and educators. We are grateful to Panoticon Imaging for supporting this new program. Visit www.prcboston.org/portfolio.htm for more info, specific instructions on how to sign up, and PRC membership.

UPCOMING LECTURES & BOOKSIGNING, more info & locations forthcoming:

> Thursday, March 23rd, 7pm: Sage Sohier, room TBD

PRC AND SPRING GALLERY & LIBRARY HOURS: Thursdays 11-8pm, Fridays & Saturday 11-4pm, including the PRC’s 5,000-volume Aaron Siskind Library.

FOR MORE INFO and PRESS IMAGES, please contact Bruce Myren, PRC Board Member: brucemyren@prcboston.org

About the PRC: Founded in 1976, the Photographic Resource Center (PRC) at Boston University is an independent non-profit organization that serves as a vital forum for the exploration and interpretation of new work, ideas, and methods in photography and related media. Cited by the Boston Globe as “one-stop shopping for the photo buff,” the PRC provides a highly acclaimed exhibition program, workshops, special events, and an over 5,000-volume resource library to our members and the general public. Its programs are supported by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, several private foundations, and the ongoing generosity of its members. Featured artists and speakers in our galleries and workshops have included such luminaries as Ansel Adams, Bruce Davidson, Abelardo Morell, Duane Michals, and William Wegman.

Location and Hours: The PRC is located at 832 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA, 02215 (BU West T stop on the B Green Line), 617.975.0600 (phone), 617.975.0606 (fax), email info@prcboston.org. Hours are Thursdays 11am to 8:30pm & Fridays 11am to 4pm, and by appointment.

Admission: Suggested donation of $5 is encouraged and appreciated. The PRC is always free to the BU community, its members, institutional member colleges and programs, and to school groups with appointments. The PRC is accessible.

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