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For Immediate Release:

Winners of Soho Photo's 17th Annual National Photography Competition (Juror: Forrest Old)



The Apple © Jason Gorbel
First prize winner

July 5 – August 4, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, July 5, 6-8 pm

**Gallery Hours: Wednesday thru Sunday, 1-6 PM,
and by appointment**

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New York, NY – Soho Photo Gallery is pleased to announce that its July exhibition will present the 34 winners of the Gallery's **17th annual juried National Photography Competition**. The show's distinguished juror, **Forrest Old**, owner of Red Filter Fine Art Photography Gallery in Lambertville, NJ and also the publisher of BWGallerist.com, a fine arts photography website, selected these photographs to be in 2012's exhibition.

In previous years, this competition has drawn entries from all over the United States and 2012 was no exception. 154 photographers, from Maine to Washington State, submitted more than 1,000 photographs for consideration by the juror.

After making his selections, Forrest Old said:

The breadth and quality of submissions was truly impressive. An array of subject matter and techniques made for an exciting review. The contemporary flavor combined often with historic influences and processes kept the viewer moving forward anticipating "what next?"

The top three National Competition winners are:

1st Prize - Jason Gorbel, Freeport, NY

2nd Prize - Richard Man, Palo Alto, CA

3rd Prize - Kathryn Shelden, Los Angeles,

The juror also awarded five **Honorable Mentions**. They are:

Julia Kozerski - Milwaukee, WI

Michael Schley - New York, NY

Chris Phillips - Kansas City, MO

Mare Vaccaro - Lexington, KY

Bill Vaccaro - Chicago, IL

Shoot4Change – 4 Continents 4 Change

July's guest exhibition features the work of **Shoot4Change**, a global network of volunteer photographers founded by Antonio Amendola to raise public awareness about social issues. Shoot4Change aims to bring to light the facts and stories that happen in the forgotten regions of the world. From award-winning distinguished authors to local kids from low income communities in Bushwick, Brooklyn, the exhibition will explore all aspects of the human condition, under the best and worst of circumstances in life.

Spotlight Exhibition

Paul Stetzer: *Democracy is Coming...Scenes from an #Occupation*

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Soho Photo Gallery has been showcasing a broad spectrum of imagery by emerging and veteran photographers since 1971. The Gallery is in New York's historic TriBeCa district, three blocks south of Canal Street between West Broadway and Sixth Avenue. Subways: #1 to Franklin Street or the A, C, E, W, N, R or #6 to Canal Street.