

TWEET IT: New exhibition alert! #Pulitzer Prize photographs on display [@ConstitutionCtr](#), 10/11 – 12/31. #CaptureTheMoment.

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**COLLECTION OF PULITZER PRIZE PHOTOGRAPHS
TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

**Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs
October 11 – December 31, 2013**

Philadelphia, PA – Marines raising Old Glory on Iwo Jima. The joyful reunion of a returning prisoner of war and his family. A firefighter cradling an injured infant after the Oklahoma City bombing. The ongoing conflict and devastating personal toll in Syria. **From October 11 to December 31, 2013**, the National Constitution Center presents ***Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs***, the most comprehensive exhibition of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs ever assembled. The more than 150 images on display have influenced our thinking, inspired civic action, and traced the triumphs and tragedies of “We the People.” *The Washington Post* writes of the collection, “[The images are] as difficult to look at as they are to look away from.”

Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs was developed by the [Newseum](#) in association with Business of Entertainment, Inc., New York and Cyma Rubin, curator. The exhibition is updated annually and includes every winner since the Pulitzer board began awarding the photography prize in 1942.

“The photos in this exhibition are heroic, thought-provoking, and uplifting. Visitors certainly will recognize many of the photographs from the covers of magazines, newspapers, or text books. But by sharing the stories behind the lens alongside the photos, we feel they will come away with a new perspective on even the most iconic images of history,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen.

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“As a journalist, I am especially delighted to welcome this exhibition to Philadelphia and the National Constitution Center,” continued Rosen. “*Capture the Moment* highlights the importance of our First Amendment freedoms. Thanks to the U.S. Constitution, some of the photographs could only have been published in America. Through their incredible talent and keen eye, these photographers have often put their own lives on the line in order to share important stories with the world.”

Organized chronologically, the Pulitzer-winning photographs are displayed as 20- x 30-inch and 30- x 40-inch prints throughout the exhibition. Photograph highlights include:

- U.S. Marines raising an American flag on Iwo Jima, photographed by Joe Rosenthal
- Babe Ruth watching his number being retired at Yankee Stadium, photographed by Nathaniel Fein
- Jack Ruby’s assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald, photographed by Robert H. Jackson
- A grieving Coretta Scott King consoling her daughter, photographed by Moneta Sleet Jr.
- A joyful family reunion after the release of Vietnam POW Col. Robert L. Stirm, photographed by Slava Veder
- A poignant portrait series of 21-year-olds across America, reflecting a diversity of backgrounds and futures, photographed by John Kaplan
- Two rebel soldiers in Syria guarding their position as light streams through more than a dozen holes made by bullets and shrapnel in the tin wall behind them

Capture the Moment features several connections to the Philadelphia region.

Philadelphia Inquirer photographer Tom Gralish was the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography in 1986 for his photo essay on Philadelphia’s homeless.

Photojournalist Larry C. Price won a Pulitzer while working for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in 1985; his feature photographs from Angola and El Salvador depict their war-torn inhabitants. A series of photos titled “Tragedy on Sanatoga Road” by Thomas J. Kelly for *The Pottstown Mercury* received the Pulitzer for Breaking News Photography in 1979.

To complement the exhibition, the National Constitution Center is developing a variety of engaging activities and resource materials for students, teachers, and families that explore the role of photography in documenting our history and the protections provided to the press by the U.S. Constitution.

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Capture the Moment is included in the cost of general museum admission, which includes *The Story of We the People* exhibition, the award-winning theatrical production *Freedom Rising*, and *Signers' Hall*. General museum admission prices are \$14.50 for adults, \$13 for seniors ages 65 and over, and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates also are available. For ticket information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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For more information and downloadable images, visit:

<http://constitutioncenter.org/press-room/press-kit/exhibition-press-kits/capture-the-moment-exhibit-press-kit>

About Cyma Rubin, Curator

Cyma Rubin is a producer, director, writer, and president of Business of Entertainment. She curated, designed, and produced *Capture the Moment: The Pulitzer Prize Photographs*. Her Telly- and Emmy Award-winning documentary *Moment of Impact: Stories of the Pulitzer Prize Photographs* is featured in the exhibition.

About the Pulitzer Prize

The Pulitzer Prizes, first awarded in 1917, were the inspiration of newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer. The prize for newspaper photography was first awarded in 1942. Since 1968, two prizes—one for breaking-news photography and one for feature photography—have been awarded each year.

About the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center is the Museum of We the People, bringing the extraordinary story of the United States Constitution to life for visitors of all ages. Located on Independence Mall in Historic Philadelphia—the birthplace of the Constitution—the museum illuminates American democracy and inspires active citizenship through hundreds of interactive exhibits, films, and rare artifacts; must-see feature exhibitions; the internationally acclaimed, 360-degree theatrical performance *Freedom Rising*; and the iconic *Signers' Hall*, where visitors can sign the Constitution

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alongside 42 life-size, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers. As America's Town Hall, the National Constitution Center engages diverse, distinguished leaders of government, public policy, journalism and scholarship in timely public discussions and debates. The museum also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, the national headquarters for constitutional education, which offers cutting-edge civic learning resources both onsite and online. Join us as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary in 2013. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit constitutioncenter.org.

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