



Richard Avedon: Photographer of Influence



Norton Photography Gallery January 12, 2008 - April 13, 2008

Richard Avedon's career as a fashion and portrait photographer spanned nearly seven decades in the 20th century and just into the 21st, leaving an indelible impression on American culture. The early years of Avedon's prolific career were spent photographing the era's leading models in designer clothing for magazines such as *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar*. For his signature portraiture style, Avedon placed his subject in front of a spare white background, drawing a viewer's attention to the posture, expression, and gestures of the people he photographed.

This exhibition includes both his early fashion photographs as well as powerful and revealing portraits of actors, politicians, artists, writers and intellectuals. Notable personalities include Malcom X, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Bush, Ezra Pound, Bob Dylan, Marilyn Monroe, Frank Lloyd Wright and many, many more.

"No one has given a nation a more wide-ranging, disciplined photographic document of itself"
The Times, London

"[his photographs] sear into your consciousness"
The New York Times

"In an era of superstar photographers, he is still the quintessential superstar"
American Photo Magazine

*Left: **Homage to Munkacsi**. Carmen, coat by Cardin, Place François-Premier, Paris, August 1957, Richard Avedon. © 2007 The Richard Avedon Foundation. Courtesy The Richard Avedon Foundation. Center: **Dovima with elephants**, evening dress by Dior, Cirque d'Hiver, Paris, August 1955, Richard Avedon. © 2007 The Richard Avedon Foundation. Courtesy The Richard Avedon Foundation. Right: **Richard Avedon**, self-portrait, Photographer, Provo, Utah, August 20, 1980, Photograph by Richard Avedon, Copyright © 2007 The Richard Avedon Foundation, Courtesy The Richard Avedon Foundation.*

The exhibition is organized by the Center for Creative Photography and Phoenix Art Museum. Major support provided by MidFirst Bank. Additional support is provided by Snell & Wilmer LLP.



[Back to Main Exhibitions page](#)