

BILL RAUHAUSER: LIFE THROUGH THE LENS

September 14 – October 28, 2017

OPENING RECEPTION:

September 14th, 5 – 8 pm.

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The Hill Gallery is pleased to present *Bill Rauhauser: Life Through The Lens*. The moment of the photographic magic is captured by Bill Rauhauser with exquisite clarity, freezing the instant of a human connection, passion and relevance while exploring the dramatic visual graphic as only an exceptional artist can achieve. Bill's work will be celebrated over and over and like life's experiences, will be remembered always.

Bill Rauhauser, born in Detroit in 1918, received a bachelor degree in Architectural Engineering in 1943 from the University of Detroit. He spent 18 years in the engineering field before a career change into the field of education. Over the next 30 years, Bill taught photography at the College for Creative Studies, with 1 year as guest lecturer at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and 4 years at Wayne State University. He was appointed Professor Emeritus by CCS and served as Artist Advisor for the Board of Directors of the Department of Prints, Drawings and Photographs of the Detroit Institute of Arts. He is listed in the Archives of American Art at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

The many exhibitions of his work include *The Family of Man* show at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and more recently *The Arcades: Contemporary Art and Walter Benjamin* at the Jewish Museum also in New York City. Bill made Detroit his main subject, walking its streets and alleys with his camera from the 1940's until his death this year. Many of his photographs are in the collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts as well as in numerous public and private collections. Publications of his photographs include: *Bill Rauhauser-20th Century Photography in Detroit* (2010); *Beauty on the Streets of Detroit* (2008); *Detroit Auto Show Images of the 1970's* (2007); *Bob-Lo Revisited* (2003); *Detroit Revisited* (2007); *Bill Rauhauser: 2014 Kresge Eminent Artist* (2014).

As Bill Rauhauser once said "Over the years I've just walked around Detroit keeping an eye open waiting for something to happen, something significant," he said, "and I love every minute of it."

Bill Rauhauser: Life Through the Lens will be on view from September 14 to October 28, 2017 at 407 W. Brown Street, Birmingham, MI 48009. For more information or press inquiries please contact the gallery at 248-540-9288 or by email at info@hillgallery.com

The Hill Gallery is also co-sponsoring *Bill Rauhauser: Cinnamon* at the College for Creative Studies Alumni & Faculty Hall in Detroit, Michigan. The opening reception is September 15th, 6 – 8pm. The exhibition runs from September 16 – October 21, 2017. More information can be found at www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/exhibitions.