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PHOTO CENTER NW ANNOUNCES THREE MAJOR EXHIBITIONS

The Photo Center NW is pleased to announce three major exhibitions taking place in the coming year. Organized to coincide with the Seattle Art Museum's Elles exhibition, the Photo Center proudly presents **Social Order: Women Photographers from South Asia**. This momentous exhibition features five contemporary women artists whose work shed light on the role of women in the context of cultural constructs, religion, censorship and the media. Artists hail from Afghanistan, Iran and India, having each made an important mark on the world of contemporary photography through their courageous and relevant work.

This October 20th the Photo Center will be hosting **Photolust**, our 7th Annual Benefit Auction. Photolust is the region's most exciting photography auction, featuring works by regional and internationally renowned artists. Now on its 7th year, Photolust brings together collectors and art enthusiasts in support of the Center's non profit programs.

The Photo Center will welcome 2013 with a long-awaited exhibition of work by legendary photographer **Vivia Maier**. Maier's work was discovered in 2007 when the contents of her storage locker, including some 100,000 negatives, were auctioned in Chicago due to delinquent payments. After the discovery of her extensive collection, champions of Maier's photographs have worked tirelessly to give these images their proper recognition with exhibitions throughout Europe and the United States.

The **New York Times** refers to Maier as "one of America's more insightful street photographers..."

**PHOTOLUST**

Preview show: October 1- 20

Auction: October 20th, 6:00 PM

**SOCIAL ORDER: WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM SOUTH ASIA**

October 26 - December 15th

Shadi Ghadirian, Gazelle Samizay, Annu Matthew, Manjari Sharma and Priya Kambi

**VIVIAN MAIER**

February 15 - March 15

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