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## **Rarely Seen Images of the City of Light Showcased in Exhibit “Beyond The Iconic: Contemporary Photographs of Paris” on View at Central Library, March 1 – June 1, 2008**

Rarely seen images of the City of Light come to the City of Angels in the exhibit “Beyond the Iconic: Contemporary Photographs of Paris,” on display at the Central Library’s Getty Gallery, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown, from March 1 to June 1, 2008. The works of art in the exhibition are from the collection of the Musée Carnavalet, Histoire de Paris, France.

This is the first time the images have traveled outside of France, and most of them have never been displayed. The diversity of the exhibit’s 140 photographs—taken from 1971 to 2003—expose often-unseen aspects of the French capital and create a deeper more enriched understanding of Paris.

“Los Angeles and Paris have much in common. We are both large, romanticized urban centers too often identified by our icons and landmarks—such as the Hollywood Sign and the Eiffel Tower,” said Gloria Gerace, director of exhibitions for the Library Foundation of Los Angeles.

“This exhibition will look beyond that iconography through the work of 24 internationally acclaimed contemporary photographers,” Gerace added, “and might foster a separate dialogue about our own photographic relationship with Los Angeles.”

The exhibition is curated by Los Angeles scholars and writers Guy Bennett and Béatrice Mousli, with Musée Carnavalet curator Catherine Tambrun. Angel City Press will publish a full-color, 160-page catalogue of the exhibition.

The exhibition is free and open to the public during library hours: Monday-Thursday: 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. The

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The Central Library is located in Council District 9, represented by Councilmember Jan Perry.

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