

RICHARD RENALDI

Born 1968, Chicago, IL
Lives and works in New York City.

Education

1990 New York University. Bachelor of Fine Arts, Photography.

1988-1989 Salzburg College, Salzburg, Austria. One year of foreign study in Photography and German.

Awards & Grants

2015

John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship

2004

Peter S. Reed Foundation

Solo Exhibitions

2022

R. Swiader, New York, NY. *Christopher Street*

2021

Fall River Museum of Contemporary Art, Fall River, MA. *Fall River Boys*

2019

Spazio Labo, Bologna, Italy. On Love and Other Matters

2018

Robert Morat Galerie, Berlin, Germany. Manhattan Sunday

Gulf & Western Gallery, NYU Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY. *Touching Strangers*

Transformer Station, Cleveland, OH. Manhattan Sunday

2017

George Eastman Museum, Rochester, NY. *Manhattan Sunday*

MCC Art Gallery, Mesa, AZ. *Touching Strangers*

Heuser Art Gallery, Peoria, IL. *Touching Strangers*

2016

Benrubi Gallery, New York, NY. *Manhattan Sunday*
Fort Collins Museum of Art, Fort Collins, CO. *Touching Strangers*
Foosaner Art Museum, Melbourne, FL. *Touching Strangers*

2015

The Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Tampa, FL. *Hotel Room Portraits*
Loyola Marymount University Laband Gallery, Los Angeles, CA. *Touching Strangers*
Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, IL. *Touching Strangers*
SFO Museum, San Francisco, CA. *Touching Strangers*
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. *Touching Strangers*

2014

Photo Center Northwest, Seattle, WA. *Touching Strangers*
The Light Factory, Charlotte, NC. *Touching Strangers*
Saugatuck Center of the Arts, Saugatuck, MI. *Touching Strangers*
Benrubi Gallery, New York, NY. *This Grand Show*
Aperture Gallery, New York, NY. *Touching Strangers*

2012

Wessel and O'Connor Fine Art, New Hope, PA. *Hotel Room Portraits*
Third Floor Gallery, Cardiff, Wales. *Touching Strangers*

2011

Fotografins Hus, Stockholm, Sweden. *Young Men and Strangers*

2010

Hermès Foundation, New York, NY. *Touching Strangers*
Sol Mednick Gallery, Philadelphia, PA. *Fall River Boys*
Robert Morat Galerie, Hamburg, Germany. *Fall River Boys and Figure & Ground*

2009

Jackson Fine Art, Atlanta, GA. *Fall River Boys*

2007

Nicolaysen Art Museum and Discovery Center, Casper, WY. *Western Lives*
Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY. *The Plains*

2005

Western Project, Los Angeles, CA. *LA Street*

2003

Debs and Co, New York, NY. *Fresno/Newark*

2002

Debs and Co, New York, NY. - Project Room. *Madison Avenue Portraits*

Group Exhibitions

2023

Museum of the City of New York, New York, NY. *New York Now: Home*

2021

Photoville, Brooklyn, NY. *Touching Strangers*

2019

Aperture Gallery, New York, NY. *Aperture Photographs*

Clamp Art, New York, NY. *The City (And a Few Lonely People)*

2018

For Freedoms, Utah, *50 State Initiative*

Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY. *Intimacy*

Donggang Museum of Photography, Yeongwol-eup, South Korea. *DongGang International Photo Festival*

Centre Culturel Français Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany. *Mulhouse Biennial of Photography, Attractions#2018*

Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY. *TAG Limited Art Edition*

2017

Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY. *Affecting Images: Photography's Pursuit of Intimacy*

Zuckerman Museum of Art, Kennesaw, GA. *Racecar*

Bronx Documentary Center, Bronx, NY. *Whose Streets? Our Streets! New York 1980-2000*

2014

National Portrait Gallery, London, UK. *Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize*

Center for Creative Photography, Tucson, AZ. *Contemporary Photography from the Douglas Nielsen Collection*

Transformer Station, Cleveland, OH. *Unknown: Pictures of Strangers*

Children's Museum of the Arts, New York, NY. *Artist as Observer*

Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh, PA. *Here & Now: Queer Geographies in Contemporary Photography*

The Nathan Cummings Foundation, New York, NY. *Social in Practice: The Art of Collaboration*

Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN. *The National: Best Contemporary Photography 2014*

2013

Alice Austen House, Staten Island, NY. *The New Street Types: Portraits of the Changing Face of New York City*

Casa de Costa, New York, NY. *Boy! Oh, Boy!*

The Bascom Center for the Visual Arts, Highlands, NC. *Landscape Photography in a Changing World*

2012

Gallery 339, Philadelphia, PA. *More Photos About Buildings and Food*

2011

Lianzhou Photo Festival, Lianzhou, China. *Manhattan Sunday*

2010

Pavillon Populaire, Montpellier, France. *An American Dream – Between Fiction and Reality*

Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, AZ. *Thanks for Being With Us: Contemporary Art from the Douglas Nielsen Collection*

Galleria Contemporaneo, Venice, Italy. *Global Photography Looking at | Looking fo*

2009

Randall Scott Gallery, Brooklyn, NY. *Unseen*

Kathleen Cullen Fine Arts, New York, NY. *Tattoo*

2008

Michael Mazzeo Gallery, New York, NY. *Bare*

The Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH. *(RE)Imaging Photography*

2007

PowerHouse Arena, New York, NY. *The Brooklynites*

The Department of Photography & Imaging, New York, NY. *Transformations*

Derek Eller, New York, NY. *NeoIntegrity*

2004

Western Project, Los Angeles, CA. *In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida, Baby*

2003

International Center of Photography, New York, NY. *Fall Triennial*

Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY. *By the Sea*

The United Nations, New York, NY. *Pandemic AIDS*

2002

Riva Gallery, New York, NY. *Staged/Unstaged*

2000

Gracie Mansion Gallery, New York, NY. *Monster*

1990s

U.S. Conference on AIDS, Denver, CO. *Housing is Healthcare*

Feature Gallery, New York, NY. *The Moderns*
Pulse Art, New York, NY. *Self-Identified*
Paul Morris Gallery, New York, NY. *Benefit for The Hetrick Martin Institute*
494 Gallery, New York, NY. *Breakthroughs: Stonewall*
494 Gallery, New York, NY. *Summer Show*
494 Gallery, New York, NY. *Taboo: Bodies Talk*
The Photo Center Gallery - New York University, New York, NY. *Senior Thesis Exhibition*
Ledel Gallery, New York, NY. *Rooms With A View*

Collections

Cleveland Clinic
Cincinnati Museum of Art
Florida Museum of Photographic Arts
Fort Wayne Museum of Art
George Eastman Museum
Houston Museum of Fine Arts
Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University
Los Angeles County Museum of Art
New York University Gulf and Western Gallery
Nicolaysen Art Museum
Transformer Station

Published Works

Monographs:

I Want Your Love (Super Labo, 2018)
Manhattan Sunday (Aperture, 2016)
Touching Strangers (Aperture, 2014)
Fall River Boys (Charles Lane Press, 2009)
Richard Renaldi: Figure and Ground (Aperture, 2006)

Catalogs:

Richard Renaldi: Western Lives (Nicolaysen Museum, 2007)

Surveys:

Primal Sight: by Efram Zelony-Mindell (Gnomic Book, 2021)
PhotoWork: Forty Photographers on Process and Practice, Edited and introduced by Sasha Wolf (Aperture, 2019)
USA Character Project (Chronicle Books, 2009)
Art Photography Now: Susan Bright (Aperture, 2006)
Strangers: The First ICP Triennial of Photography and Video (Steidl, 2003)
Pandemic Facing AIDS (Umbrage, 2003)

Zines:

Star Wars T-Shirts (Super Labo, 2019)
Young Americans (Matte, 2015)

Selected Bibliography

2021

Sonam Vashi, "Greyhound connects America. What happens if intercity buses disappear?" *National Geographic*, April 27. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/article/photos-show-the-possibility-of-traveling-the-country-by-bus>

2020

Richard Renaldi, "Faces of a Fast-Food Nation." *The New Yorker*, November 23.
<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/11/30/faces-of-a-fast-food-nation>

Richard Renaldi, "Creative Quarantine: Photographer Richard Renaldi." *Esthetic Lens Magazine*, September 22.
<https://www.estheticlens.com/2020/09/22/creative-quarantine-photographer-richard-renaldi/>

Our Local Correspondents. "A Coronavirus Chronicle Twenty-four hours at the epicenter of the pandemic." *The New Yorker*, April 15, <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2020/05/04/twenty-four-hours-at-the-epicenter-of-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

2019

Chee, Alexander. "From Florida to Alaska, America's LGBTQ Bars Feel Like Home to Many." *Time*, June 27.
<https://time.com/longform/lgbtq-bars-after-stonewall/>

Scarzella, Maddalena. "Touching Strangers." *L'evento per il lancio di Edicola Book 3*, May 26.

Lachowskyj, Cat. "The Endless Draw of Portraiture." *Lensculture*, January 9.
<https://www.lensculture.com/articles/richard-renaldi-the-endless-draw-of-portraiture>

2018

Marzano, Michela. "Alla ricerca dell'io in un diario intimo per sole immagini." *La Repubblica*, September 11.

Doung, Ha. "Photographers Who Captured the Ecstasy and Abandon of Rave Culture." *Artsy*, September 7,
<https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-photographers-captured-ecstasy-abandon-rave-culture>.

Roberts, Sarah. "Portrait of Humanity: Richard Renaldi on the glue that binds us all together." *British Journal of Photography*, September 6.

Dugan, Jess. "Book Review: Richard Renaldi's 'I Want Your Love.'" *Strange Fire*, June 4,
<http://www.strangefirecollective.com/book-review-richard-renaldi>

Shuessler, Bobby. "Richard Renaldi's Life, Exposed." *Out*, May 2, <https://www.out.com/photos/2018/5/03/richard-renaldi-life-exposed-photos#media-gallery-media-2>

Colberg, Jörg M. "Book Reviews W16/2018." *Conscientious Photography Magazine*, April 16,
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Rachel, T. Cole. "On knowing when to put down the camera. An interview with photographer Richard Renaldi." *The Creative Independent*, March 12, <https://thecreativeindependent.com>

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/world-us-canada-42984169/what-happened-when-a-photographer-asked-strangers-to-embrace>

2017

Sloan, Brian. "When the Party's Over, He Picks Up His Camera." *New York Times*, March 27

Zhang, Izabela Radwanska. "Richard Renaldi Reflects on Shooting Manhattan Sunday." *British Journal of Photography*, Cover, February 8.

"Quando la Serata è Finita e la Città Dorme Ancora." *Il Post*, January 26.

Rafferty, Rebecca. "Richard Renaldi: 'Manhattan Sunday' at Eastman." *Rochester City Newspaper*, January 25.

Renken, Leslie. "NYC Photographer Richard Renaldi Will Talk About His Book, 'Touching Strangers.'" *Peoria Journal Star*, January 20.

Seymour, Tom. "After Hours: Capturing the Journey Home from New York City's Gay Nightclubs." *The Guardian*, January 18.

Renaldi, Richard. "The Back Page." *Photograph Magazine*, January 1.

2016

Risch, Conor. "Sunday Morning." *PDN*, November 25.

Chapman, Catherine. "'Manhattan Sunday' Photo Series Brings City's Club Scene to Life." *NBC News*, November 22, www.nbcnews.com/feature/nbc-out/manhattan-sunday-photo-series-brings-city-s-club-scene-life-n687186.

Solnit, Rebecca. *Nonstop Metropolis: A New York City Atlas*. October 19.

Cole, Teju. *Known and Strange Things*. August 9.

Vendegna, Michelle. "'Touching Strangers' Exhibit in Fort Collins Explores Comfort Zones." *Reporter Herald*, May 20.

LaRocca, Amy. "What We Wore: Centuries of Peacocking in NYC." *New York Magazine*, May 16.

Cunningham, Bill. "Hopping." *New York Times*, April 1.

Kanno-Youngs, Zolan. "Bonnets Bloom at New York City's Easter Parade." *The Wall Street Journal*, March 27.

2015

Ollman, Leah. "'Touching Strangers' Touches Truths About Connection." *Los Angeles Times*, November 18.

Harritty, Christopher. "More Hotel Room Portraits from Richard Renaldi." *The Advocate*, October 18.

Rabe, John. "Richard Renaldi's 'Touching Strangers' Photos Touch on Human Relationships." *KPCC Off Ramp*, September 28, www.scpr.org/programs/offramp/2015/09/28/44639/richard-renaldi-s-touching-strangers-photos-touch.

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Leifheit, Matthew. "50 Faces of Young America." *Vice*, July 4, www.vice.com/en_us/article/50-young-americans-richard-renaldi-405.

Shaheen, Suzanne. "Pattern Language: Richard Renaldi Documents Sartorial Flair in Ethiopia." *Vogue*, March 13.

Shafer, Tom. "Review: Photographer Creates Own Reality." *Lafayette Journal & Courier*, January 15.

2014

Shaheen, Suzanne. "Think Pink! A Series of Photographs by Richard Renaldi Proves That 2014 Was the Year of Pink." *Vogue*, December 18.

Benter, Sydney. "Famed Photographer Brings Art to Cincinnati Mass Transit." *Local 12*, November 26, www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-si0y6-OWI.

Piquier, Isabelle. "Sunday Morning." *M Le Magazine du Monde*, November 1.

Anspach, Eric. "Metro Partners with Renowned Photographer to Add Art in Bus Stops." *Cincinnati Business Courier*, October 28.

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Zwygart, Greg. "Hotelzimmerromantik." *Mannschaft Magazine*, September 24.

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Brown, Emma S. "'Queer Geographies' Exhibit Evolving Diversity in America." *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, July 16.
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Bierend, Doug. "Captivating Portraits of Total Strangers Embracing Right After Meeting." *Wired*, June 17.
Dykstra, Jean. "Touching Strangers/This Grand Show." *Photograph Magazine*, June 1.

Altman, Anna. "Street Life: 'Unfamiliar Streets' and 'Touching Strangers.'" *New York Times Book Review*, May 30.

Pollock, Matt. "See Five Photos of Strangers Touching in Chicago." *Chicago Magazine*. April 15.

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2013

Mastrolilli, Paulo. "Un Libro di Abbracci Improvisi." *La Stampa*, December 7.

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2011

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2010

Horn, Brad. "Touching Strangers: A Creepily Wonderful Concept." *NPR The Picture Show*, November 1.

Langer, Freddy. "Unterwegs." *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, May 20.

Fallon, Roberta. "Fall River Boys: Richard Renaldi Captivates with Black-and-White Photos of People on the Edges of Society." *Philadelphia Weekly*, April 27.

Byng, Malaika. "Richard Renaldi: Touching Strangers Exhibition Opens at The Gallery at Hermès, New York." *Wallpaper*, April 1.

2009

Feeney, Mark. "Tracing Transitions Via Young Men of Fall River." *The Boston Globe*, June 14.

2007

"Goings on About Town." *The New Yorker*, March 5.

Grosz, David. "The Allure of Plenty." *The New York Sun*, February 8.

Feliciano, Kristin. "Angels in America." *PDN*, January 1

2004

Jorgenson, Jay. "The Kindness of Strangers." *Petersen's Photographic*, December 31.

Schubert, Lawrence. "Old Wine in New Skins." *Pride*, July 1.

2003

"Choices." *The Village Voice*, December 31.

Mills, David. "Reality Check: Richard Renaldi Reveals the Naked Truth." *Blue*, July 1.

Renaldi, Richard. "Positive Images: Richard Renaldi." *The Advocate*, January 21.

2001

Renaldi, Richard. "Three Decades of Discrimination." *The Advocate*, January 16.

2000

Renaldi, Richard. "Older & Wiser." *The Advocate*, April 30.

1998

Greco, Stephen. "At the End of the Pier." *Poz*, April 1.

Teaching Positions

Part Time Faculty:

2021

Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY.

2019

Cooper Union, New York, NY.

2018

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

2007-present

International Center of Photography, New York, NY

Graduate Programs, Visiting Artist:

2019

Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA

2017

Bradley University, Peoria, IL
New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH

2015

Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY

2014

Hartford Art School, Hartford, CT
Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
Maine College of Art, Portland, ME

2013

Hartford Art School, Hartford, CT

2010

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

2009

Columbia College, Chicago, IL

2008

Bennington College, Bennington, VT

Lectures, Panels, and Workshops

2021

Los Angeles Center of Photography, Online Learning
Spazio Labo, Online Learning

2020

La Luz, Online Learning
Spazio Labo, Online Learning

2019

Anderson Ranch, Aspen, CO

Aperture Foundation, New York, NY
Filter Photo, Chicago, IL
Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA
FotoFilmic, Bowen Island, BC, Canada
Longwood University, Farmville, VA
Los Angeles Center of Photography, Los Angeles, CA
Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
The New York Public Library, New York, NY
Spazio Labo, Bologna, Italy

2018

Atlanta Celebrates Photography, Atlanta, GA
Filter Photo, Chicago, IL
State University of New York at Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, NY
Transformer Station, Cleveland, OH
Union College, Schenectady, NY

2017

Anderson Ranch, Aspen, CO
Bradley University, Peoria, IL
George Eastman Museum, Rochester, NY
Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ
Photo Workshop New York, Brooklyn, NY
Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

2016

Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY
Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL
Parsons/The New School, New York, NY
Princeton Photography Club, Princeton, NJ
Spectacular, Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa
Visual AIDS, New York, NY

2015

Anderson Ranch, Aspen, CO
Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Tampa, FL
Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, IL
Medfield High School, Medfield, MA
Parsons/The New School, New York, NY

2014

Artworks, Cincinnati, OH
Center for Creative Photography, Tucson, AZ
Children's Museum of the Arts, New York, NY
Lancaster Literary Guild, Lancaster, PA
The Light Factory, Charlotte, NC
New York University, New York, NY

PhotoAlliance, San Francisco, CA
Photo Center Northwest, Seattle, WA
Saugatuck Center for the Arts, Saugatuck, MI
School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
Society for Photographic Education National Conference, Baltimore, MD

2013

Aperture Foundation, New York, NY
AS220 Youth, Providence, RI
InVision Photo Festival, Bethlehem, PA
New Orleans Photo Alliance, New Orleans, LA
Society for Photographic Education National Conference, Chicago, IL

2012

Photo Center Northwest, Seattle, WA
School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

2011

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

2010

Alaska Photographic Center, Anchorage, AK
Photographic Resource Center, Boston, MA

2009

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
2008

The Camera Club of New York
Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
Parsons/The New School, New York, NY
School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

2006

New York University, New York, NY

2005

Parsons/The New School, New York, NY