

## **YPA GALA AWARDS CEREMONY**

The Young Photographers Alliance will hold its first Gala Awards Ceremony and Benefit Auction on Tuesday, October 13th, 2009, the evening before Picturehouse New York, at the Metropolitan Pavilion.

Awards will be presented to scholarship winners by distinguished photographers – including Mary Ellen Mark, Mark Seliger, Fred Conrad – and industry professionals – Lauren Wendle, VP/Publisher PDN and Mark Randall/World Studio.

The Benefit Auction will include original signed prints from international and noteworthy photographers, alongside new prints from the YPA scholarship winners. Photographers contributing work include: Joyce Tenneson, Martin Parr, Arthur Meyerson, Pete Turner, Stephen Mallon, Frank Micelotta, Jill Enfield, Jim Brandenburg and many others.

Admission includes hors d'oeuvres, drinks and music from 7-10pm. The Auction will begin at 7pm when doors open and end at 9pm. Donation for tickets is \$85 in advance and \$100 at the door. All proceeds benefit Young Photographers Alliance Scholarships and other YPA programs.

Tickets for the event may be purchased online at [www.youngphotographersalliance.org/events/](http://www.youngphotographersalliance.org/events/)

Scholarship winners will also host a table at Picturehouse on October 14<sup>th</sup> for portfolio reviews, and to meet and greet attendees from the photography industry.

*YPA is energized by the extraordinary amount of encouragement, support, and commitment we've received from so many notable individuals and organizations in the photo community for this event and for the launch of the foundation.*

The Young Photographers Alliance was established in 2009 to inspire, nurture and fulfill the dreams of young photographers around the globe. The foundation seeks to provide financial aid and educational support through scholarships, mentoring, internship programs and educational seminars to enable students to reach goals they may not otherwise be able to achieve. The success of YPA is made possible through the generous donations of those looking to engage in the support of tomorrow's visual arts.

To find out more about Young Photographers Alliance please visit [www.youngphotographersalliance.org](http://www.youngphotographersalliance.org)

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