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MICHAEL LANG
“THE SILENT OBSERVER”

Black & White Photographs

Opening Reception:
Friday, June 8 2007
6 – 8:30 PM



Michael Lang lends you his eyes to observe the feelings of people in varied locations and situations. He is there as a quiet observer, who lets his subjects speak to you through their posture, their actions, their pose. Lang has been a social documentary photographer for 50 years, using small, unobtrusive cameras and a non-threatening approach to people that encourages them to open up to him. He finds the ‘decisive moment’, the intersection of heart, mind, and hand (Cartier-Bresson).



Lang began his work 50 years ago in Baltimore at Benny’s Poolroom and the Wholesale Produce Market. He practiced street photography in many places including San Francisco, Mississippi, New Orleans, Israel, and Thailand. But neither place nor time matters. The effect is that the viewer feels he stands beside Lang, sharing what the photographer is seeing and feeling about his subject.

The exhibit is accompanied by a continuous multimedia presentation.