

The Music Photo Gallery : Bob Gruen – Original Vintage Works From 1970's

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The Music Photo Gallery presents a revival of one of the most significant exhibitions in the history of music photography. The original showcase took place in 1971 at New York City's Beacon Theatre, featuring **Bob Gruen's** striking photographs of Ike & Tina Turner. The following year, in 1972, the exhibition expanded to include a broader selection of his work, incorporating images of other legendary artists such as Bob Dylan, John Lennon & Yoko Ono, Elton John, and Mick Jagger.

The second exhibition was presented at the Westbeth Gallery, where Gruen's work received its first critical recognition in The New York Times. This landmark review cemented his status as a rising talent and set the stage for his ascent as one of the most celebrated photographers of his time.

This groundbreaking show marked the debut of Bob Gruen's career, the first time his work was formally presented to the public and is believed to be one of the earliest showcases of large-format music photography in New York City. At a time when music imagery was largely confined to album covers and

magazines, Gruen's bold decision to present his silver gelatin prints in striking dimensions of up to 30×40 inches was revolutionary, redefining how music photography could be exhibited and experienced as fine art.

More than fifty years later, The Music Photo Gallery has the privilege of curating this historic collection once again. The exhibition premiered at the gallery's space in SoHo, New York, and was subsequently presented at Photo London. It is currently touring top-tier art fairs and institutions around the world, with plans to continue its international itinerary across leading cultural venues, fairs, and museums in collaboration with TMPG.

The exhibition can be viewed online, or experienced in person by scheduling a private appointment with the gallery.

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