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A 501C3 non-profit organization since 1993. Organized to promote exchanges and understanding in the areas of education, culture, community and business. Since the incorporation date the Foundation has sponsored over 400 exchanges.

International Photography Exhibit

RUSSIA: COMING OF AGE THROUGH THE EYES OF AN AMERICAN

In 1993, a young Eric Douglas was on the first delegation trip from West Virginia to Russia. He was a reporter for the Charleston Gazette-Mail and had the genes of a risk-taker and adventurer. He photographed Russia as it was in those early days of Perestroika while it still looked very much as it had for the last 70 years under Communist rule. He made several trips to Russia during the 90's and even enjoyed an extended stay, teaching

English at one of the schools in Korolev. His work was published a number of places and a special exhibit was hosted by the Culture Center in Charleston, WV.

In 2008, Eric returned to Russia to photograph the new and very modern Russia. He returned to many of the sites and photographed places and people to document the changes that frequent travelers to Russia had noted..

Now his work is being exhibited internationally.

As a person that is in-

involved with the Foundation, you are invited and encouraged to attend any of the Exhibitions. You have a love and fascination with Russia so you will be very interested in the changes.

**Culture Center Exhibit
Charleston, West Virginia
April 18, 2010 2:00 pm**

- Opening Ceremony
- Governor Joe Manchin III (invited)
- Cabinet Secretary Kay Goodwin
- The Esquires Band (toured Russia)
- Dance Theatre USA with Jerry Rose and Lorree Rousseau (toured Russia)
- Directors of the RWVF
- Photographer Eric Douglas

WE ARE ON THE WEB:

www.rwvf.net www.booksbyeric.com

Schedule of Photography Exhibit:

- November 2-3, 2009—Global Awareness Project, Myrtle Beach, SC
- March 15-19, 2010—International Film Festival, Moscow, Russia
- April 18—30, 2010—Culture Center, Charleston, WV
- May 9—11, 2010—International Film and Arts Festival, Bordeaux, France
- July, 2010— TBD, Myrtle Beach, SC



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Russia: Coming of Age

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

This Exhibition Does Require Some Degree of Financing. Printing, matting the photos; rental costs, shipping... costs soon add up.

For most of you, the Foundation has provided a service. Now, we are asking for your assistance. Any donation will be appreciated and we are a 501C3 organization which means that a donation is tax deductible (check with your accountant).

Please take time and support this effort today. Your name/business will be printed on the program as a sponsor of this Exhibit.



Through The Eyes of An American



Make checks payable to: RWVF and designate International Exhibit.

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