



STEVE MCCURRY

Da circa 30 anni, Steve McCurry è considerato una delle voci più autorevoli della fotografia contemporanea.

Nato nei sobborghi di Philadelphia, McCurry studia cinema e storia alla Pennsylvania State University prima di andare a lavorare in un giornale locale. Dopo molti anni come freelance, McCurry compie un viaggio in India, il primo di una lunga serie. Con poco più di uno zaino per i vestiti e un altro per i rullini, si apre la strada nel subcontinente, esplorando il paese con la sua macchina fotografica.

Dopo molti mesi di viaggio, si ritrova a passare il confine con il Pakistan. Là, incontra un gruppo di rifugiati dell'Afghanistan, che gli permettono di entrare clandestinamente nel loro paese, proprio quando l'invasione russa chiudeva i confini a tutti i giornalisti occidentali. Riemergendo con i vestiti tradizionali e una folta barba, McCurry trascorre settimane tra i Mujahidin, così da mostrare al mondo le prime immagini del conflitto in Afghanistan, dando finalmente un volto umano ad ogni titolo di giornale.

Da allora, McCurry ha continuato a scattare fotografie mozzafiato in tutti i sei continenti. I suoi lavori raccontano di conflitti, di culture che stanno scomparendo, di tradizioni antiche e di culture contemporanee, ma sempre mantenendo al centro l'elemento umano che ha fatto sì che la sua immagine più famosa, la ragazza afgana, fosse una foto così potente.

McCurry è stato insignito di alcuni tra i più importanti premi della fotografia, inclusa la

Robert Capa Gold Medal, il premio della National Press Photographers e per quattro volte



ha ricevuto il primo premio del concorso World Press Photo. Il ministro della cultura francese lo ha nominato cavaliere dell'Ordine delle Arti e delle Lettere e, più recentemente, la Royal Photographic Society di Londra gli ha conferito la Centenary Medal for Lifetime Achievement.

McCurry ha pubblicato molti libri, tra cui *The Imperial Way* (1985), *Monsoon* (1988), *Portraits* (1999), *South Southeast* (2000), *Sanctuary* (2002), *The Path to Buddha: A Tibetan Pilgrimage* (2003), *Steve McCurry* (2005), *Looking East* (2006), *In the Shadow of Mountains* (2007), *The Unguarded Moment*, (2009), *The Iconic Photographs* (2011), *Untold: The Stories Behind the Photographs* (2013), *From These Hands: A Journey Along the Coffee Trail* (2015), and *India* (2015).



Premi

- 2014 Centenary Medal for Lifetime Achievement, Royal Photographic Society, London, England
- 2014 Hamdan International Photography Award, Dubai, UAE
- 2013 Appointed Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters, France
- 2012 Recipient of Humanity in the Arts Peace Award; International Committee of Artists for Peace
- 2012 Pictures of the Year International Book Award for The Iconic Photographs
- 2011 Leica Hall of Fame Award, St. Moritz, Switzerland
- 2011 Prix LiberPress, Girona, Spain
- 2009 Abrogino D'Oro, Milan, Italy
- 2006 Lowell Thomas GOLD
- 2006 National Press Photographers Association 1st Place, Buddha Rising, National Geographic, Dec.
- 2006 Honorary Fellowship, New Zealand Institute of Professional Photography (NZIPP)- May 4th
- 2005 Honorary Fellowship, The Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain, London
- 2005 Photographic Society of America Photojournalism Division-International Understanding through



Premi di fotografia

- 2003 International Photography Awards, CA, the Lucie Award for Photojournalism
- 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award, Pennsylvania State University, PA
- 2003 Co-recipient of the NY Film Festival Gold for documentary, "Afghan Girl: Found"
- 2002 Distinguished Visiting Fellow, College of Creative Studies, University of California
- 2002 Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, Fairleigh Dickinson University, NJ
- 2002 Photographer of the Year, PMDA Professional Photographer Award
- 2002 Photographer of the Year, American Photo Magazine
- 2002 United Nations International Photographic Council: Special Recognition Award
In recognition of his ceaseless devotion and outstanding achievement in photography.
- 2002 French Art Directors Association, Award of Excellence for "Women of Afghanistan"
- 2001 Photography Annual, Communication Arts
Award of Excellence, Book Series, South SouthEast
- 2000 Picture of the Year Competition
Book of the Year, South SouthEast
Magazine Feature Picture Award of Excellence: 'Women in Field, Yemen'
- 1999 Pennsylvania State University, PA, Lifetime Fellow Award
- 1998 Life Magazine: 'The Eisenstaedt Awards' - Our World Photo Winner, 'Red Boy'
Life Magazine: 'The Eisenstaedt Awards' - Our World Essay Finalist, 'India'
- 1998 Picture of the Year Competition, Award of Excellence, Portraits: 'Red Boy'
- 1998 SAJA, Southern Asian Journalistic Award, Outstanding Special Project
National Geographic Story, India: 50 Years of Independence



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- 1997 Picture of the Year Competition
Magazine Feature Picture Award of Excellence: 'Fishermen'
- 1996 Picture of the Year Competition
Magazine Feature Picture Story Award: 'Beggar'
Magazine Feature Picture Story Award: 'Burma: The Richest of the Poor Countries'
- 1994 Pennsylvania State University, Arts and Architecture Distinguished Alumni Award
- 1993 National Press Photographers Association, Award of Excellence for 'Rubble of War'
- 1992 Oliver Rebbot Memorial Award, Overseas Press Club
Best Photographic Reporting from Abroad on Gulf War Coverage
- 1992 Picture of the Year Competition
Magazine Feature Picture Award of Excellence: 'Fiery Aliens'
First Place, Magazine Science Award: 'Camels under a Blackened Sky'
First Place, Gulf War News Story: 'Kuwait: After the Storm'
- 1992 World Press Photo Competition
First Place, Nature and Environment: 'Oil-Stricken Bird', Kuwait
First Place, General News Stories: 'Kuwait after the Storm'
Children's Award: 'Camels under a Blackened Sky'
- 1990 Award of Excellence, White House News Photographers Association, 'Spanish Gypsy'
- 1987 Medal of Honor, Philippines, for coverage of the 1986 Philippine Revolution
- 1986 Oliver Rebbot Memorial Award, Overseas Press Club
Best Photographic Reporting from Abroad for work done in the Philippines
- 1985 Oliver Rebbot Award Citation: 'Monsoons' and 'The New Faces of Baghdad'
- 1984 World Press Competition, Four First Prize First place, Nature and Nature Series;
First place, Daily Life and Daily Life Series



1984 National Press Photographers Association: Magazine Photographer of the Year

1980 Robert Capa Gold Medal Award, for coverage of the war in Afghanistan for Time Magazine



Mostre

- 2015 Arsenale Nord, Venezia, Italia
- 2015 Flo Peters Gallery, Amburgo, Germania
- 2015 Museo Nazionale Scienza E Tecnologia Leonardo Da Vinci, Milano, Italia
- 2015 220 Cultura Contemporánea, Córdoba, Argentina
- 2015 Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory, Houghton, Sudafrica
- 2015 Old Town Hall, Praga, Repubblica
- 2015 CerModern, Ankara, Turchia
- 2015 Hickory Museum of Art, Hickory, North Carolina, USA
- 2015 Patricia Conde Galeria, Città del Messico, Messico
- 2015 Museum für Gestaltung, Zurigo, Svizzera
- 2015 Leica Gallery, Varsavia, Polonia
- 2015 Cinecittà Studios, Roma, Italia
- 2014 Bait Al Zubair, Muscat, Oman
- 2014 CT Gallery, Megeve, Francia
- 2014 Loukia & Michael Zampelas Art Museum, Nicosia, Cipro
- 2014 Central European House of Photography, Bratislava, Slovacchia
- 2014 Villa d'Reale di Monza, Monza, Italia
- 2014 Leica Gallery, Salisburgo, Austria
- 2014 Anna Lamar Switzer Center at Pensacola State College, Pensacola, Florida, USA
- 2014 Brucie Collections, Kiev, Ucraina
- 2014 Theatre de la Photography et de l'Image, Nizza, Francia
- 2014 Alessandro Del Piero Gallery, Torino, Italia
- 2014 Festival La Gacilly, Francia
- 2014 Beetles and Huxley, Londra, Gran Bretagna



- 2014 Kunsthalle Erfurt, Germania
- 2014 Regione Umbria, Perugia, Italia
- 2014 Juminkeko Foundation, Kuhmo, Finlandia
- 2013 Santa Maria della Scala, Siena, Italia
- 2013 Hamburg Museum of Art, Germania
- 2013 Itau Foundation, Santiago, Cile
- 2013 Taidehalli Helsinki, Helsinki, Finlandia
- 2013 Fifty One Fine Art, Anversa, Belgio
- 2013 Chris Beetles Gallery, Londra, Gran Bretagna
- 2013 National Museum Kragujevac, Serbia
- 2013 Luova Gallery, Helsinki, Finlandia
- 2013 David Bloch Gallery, Marrakech, Marocco
- 2013 Galerie Clairefontaine, Lussemburgo
- 2012 Empty Quarter Gallery, Dubai, Emirati Arabi Uniti
- 2012 Kunstmuseum, Wolfsburg, Germania
- 2012 Annenberg Space for Photography, Los Angeles, USA
- 2012 Oeksnehallen, Copenhagen, Danimarca
- 2012 Ron Cavalier Galleries, Greenwich, USA
- 2012 Frederic Got Gallery, Parigi, Francia
- 2012 Seoul Art Center, Seoul, Corea del Sud
- 2012 Photokina, Cologne, Germania
- 2012 Centro Municipal de Arte Helio Oiticica, Rio de Janeiro, Brasile
- 2012 Palazzo Ducale, Genova, Italia
- 2012 Zagreb Art Pavilion, Zagabria, Croazia
- 2011 Museum of Contemporary Art, Roma, Italy
- 2011 Instituto Tomie Ohtake, San Paolo, Brasile



- 2011 Casal de Sollerich, Majorca, Spagna
- 2011 Istanbul Modern, Istanbul, Turchia
- 2011 Amerikahaus, Monaco, Germania
- 2011 Centro del Conocimiento, Misiones, Argentina
- 2011 Gallery of Photography, Dublino, Irlanda
- 2010 Museo Rafaela, Rajaela, Santa Fe, Argentina
- 2010 Galleria Nazionale dell'Umbria, Perugia, Italia
- 2010 Sejong Center for the Performing Arts, Seoul, Corea del Sud
- 2010 Centro Cultural Borges, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2010 Salo Art Museum, Finlandia
- 2010 Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham, Gran Bretagna
- 2010 Roosevelt House, Nuova Delhi, India
- 2010 Masan Art Center, Seoul, Corea del Sud
- 2010 Joseph Saxton Gallery, Canton, OH, USA
- 2010 Islamic Arts Museum, Kuala Lumpur, Malesia
- 2009 Villanova University, Villanova, PA, USA
- 2009 Asian Civilizations Museum, Singapore
- 2009 Polka Magazine Exhibition, Parigi, Francia
- 2009 Chahar Suq Cistern, Herat, Afghanistan
- 2009 Palazzo della Ragione, Milano, Italia
- 2009 History Center, Orlando, FL, USA
- 2009 Open Shutter Gallery, Durango, CO, USA
- 2009 International Festival of Photojournalism, Perpignan, Francia
- 2009 Palmer Museum of Art, University Park, PA, USA
- 2009 Cavalier Galleries, Greenwich, CT and Nantucket, MA, USA
- 2009 Bagh-e-Babur, Queen's Palace, Kabul, Afghanistan



- 2009 Retrospective, Stadtische Gallerie, Iserlohn, Germania
- 2008 Friends Center Gallery, Siem Reap, Cambogia
- 2008 Retrospective, Stadtmuseum, Schleswig, Germania
- 2008 Magnum Print Room, Londra, Gran Bretagna
- 2008 Photo Festival, Amman, Giordania
- 2008 Palmer Museum of Art, State College, PA, USA
- 2008 Face of Asia, Sharjah, Emirati Arabi Uniti
- 2008 Magnum Photos 60 Years, Galerie Esther Woerdehoff, Parigi, Francia
- 2008 Magnum Photos 60 Years, Stedelijk Museum Post CS, Amsterdam, Paesi Bassi
- 2007 Camera Obscura, Denver, CO, USA
- 2007 Path to Buddha, Southeast Museum, FL, USA
- 2007 India at 60, New York NY, USA
- 2007 Pilgrimage, Morris Museum, NJ, USA
- 2007 South Southeast, Rennes, Francia
- 2007 South Southeast, Art Center Waco, TX, USA
- 2007 Fahey Klein Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2007 Tibet, International Center of Tibet, Washington DC, USA
- 2007 Face of Asia, Sharjah, Emirati Arabi Uniti
- 2006 Sojourn: Narratives of Asia, Galleria Modena Arte, Modena, Italia
- 2006 Lucca Photofest, Lucca, Italia
- 2006 Afghanistan's Children: The Next Generation, The United Nations Lobby, New York, New York, USA
- 2006 First Photography Biennial, Alejandro Otero Museum, Caracas, Venezuela
- 2006 Hartlepool Art Gallery, Hartlepool, Gran Bretagna
- 2006 Face of Asia, Sir William Gray House, Hartlepool, Gran Bretagna
- 2006 Face of Asia, George Eastman House, Rochester, New York, USA



- 2006 Photo Biennial, Daegu, Corea del Sud
- 2006 South SouthEast, Valencia, Spagna
- 2006 Pilgrimage, Madrid, Spagna
- 2006 Cavalier Galleries, Nantucket, MA, USA
- 2006 Soho Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2006 Gallery Old Town San Diego, CA, USA
- 2005 City Arts Centre, Edimburgo, Gran Bretagna
- 2005 Face of Asia, Asia House, Londra, Gran Bretagna
- 2005 Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA, USA
- 2004 "Written with Light" Artopia Gallery, Miami Florida, USA
- 2004 "Pilgrimage" Fundación Sophia, Palma de Mallorca, Spagna
- 2004 Boca Museum of Art, Boca Raton, Florida, USA
- 2004 Phil Woods Gallery, Ottawa, Canada
- 2003 "Buddhism", Nuova Delhi, India
- 2004 Forbidden City International Photography Exhibition, Pechino, Cina
- 2003 "Pilgrimage", National Geographic Society, Washington DC, USA
- 2003 The Augen Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA
- 2003 Tibet House, New York, NY, USA
- 2003 "Face of Asia", George Eastman House, Rochester, NY, USA
- 2003 Arthur Ross Gallery, University of Pennsylvania, PA, USA
- 2003 Levering Hall, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, USA
- 2002 Exhibition Leeuwarden, Amsterdam, Paesi Bassi
- 2002 The Augen Gallery, Portland, OR, USA
- 2002 The School of Photography (EFTI), Madrid, Spagna
- 2002 The Victor Barsokevitsch Photographic Centre, Finlandia
- 2002 Palacio dos Aciprestes, Pro Historica Associacao, Lisbona, Portogallo



2002 Stenerson Museum, Oslo, Norvegia

2002 Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, FL, USA

2001 Vision Workshops, Annapolis, MD, USA

2001 Palacio dos Aciprestes, Pro Historica Associacao, Lisbona, Portogallo

2001 Radiant Light Gallery, Portland, ME, USA



Libri Pubblicati

India, Phaidon Press, 2015

From These Hands: A Journey Along the Coffee Trail, Phaidon Press, 2015

Untold: The Stories Behind the Photographs, Phaidon Press, 2013

The Iconic Photographs, Phaidon Press, 2012

100 Photos of Steve McCurry for Press Freedom, RSF, 2012

Steve McCurry: Stern Portfolio, Stern Gruner, Jahr AG & Co., 2012

The Iconic Photographs, Phaidon Press, Limited/Signed, 2011

The Unguarded Moment, Phaidon Press, Limited, 2009

In the Shadow of Mountains, Phaidon Press Limited, 2007

Looking East, Phaidon Press Limited, 2006

Steve McCurry, Phaidon Press Limited, 2005

The Path to Buddha: A Tibetan Pilgrimage, Phaidon Press Limited, 2003

Sanctuary: The Temples of Angkor, Phaidon Press Limited, 2002

South Southeast, Phaidon Press Limited, 2000

Portraits, Phaidon Press Limited, 1999

Monsoon, Thames and Hudson, 1988

The Imperial Way, Houghton-Mifflin Company, 1985

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Collezioni permanenti

The Elton John Collection, GA, USA

George Eastman House, NY, USA

Philadelphia Museum of Art, PA, USA

Fondazione Palazzo Bricherasio, Torino, Italia

Ackland Museum, University of North Carolina, USA

Houston Museum of Modern Art, TX, USA

Tokyo Museum of Modern Art, Giappone

Palmer Museum of Art, State College, PA, USA

International Center of Photography, NY, USA

Musee National d'art Moderne, Parigi, Francia

Numerous private collections