KOUDELKA

Joseph

Biography

Born in Moravia,Czech Republic, in 1938, Josef Koudelka made his first photographs while a student in the 1950s. In 1961, shortly after having started his career as an aeronautical engineer, Koudelka also began photographing Gypsies in Czechoslovakia and theatre representations in Prague. It was not until 1967 that he fully dedicated his time to photography. The following year, Koudelka photographed the Soviet invasion of Prague, publishing his photographs under the initials P. P. (Prague Photographer) for fear of reprisals. In 1969, he was anonymously awarded the Overseas Press Club's Robert Capa Gold Medal for those photographs.

Koudelka left Czechoslovakia seeking political asylum in 1970 and shortly thereafter joined Magnum Photos. In 1975, he brought out his first book *Gypsies*, and in 1988, *Exiles*. Since 1986, he has worked with a panoramic camera and issued a compilation of these photographs in his book *Chaos* in 1999.

Koudelka has had more than a dozen books of his work published, including *Invasion Prague 68* most recently in 2008. He has won significant awards such as the Prix Nadar (1978), the Grand Prix National de la Photographie (1989), the Grand Prix Cartier-Bresson (1991), and the Hasselblad Foundation International Award in Photography (1992).

Significant exhibitions held at:

Art Institute of Chicago, USA

J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, USA

Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA

International Center of Photography, NY, USA

Hayward Gallery, London, UK

Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, Amsterdam, NL

National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France

Museums

Arts and Theatre Institute, Prague, cz
Arts Council of Britain, London, uk
Museum of Decorative Arts, Prague, cz
National Gallery, Prague, cz
The Kunsthaus, Zürich, sw
Le Centre Pompidou, Paris, fr
Centre national des arts plastiques, Paris, fr
Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, fr
The Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris, fr
Tate Modern, London, uk
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, uk
Museum of Modern Art, New York, usa
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, usa
The International Center of Photography, New York, usa
J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, ca, usa
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, usa
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Ca, usa
Philadelphia Museum of Arts, usa
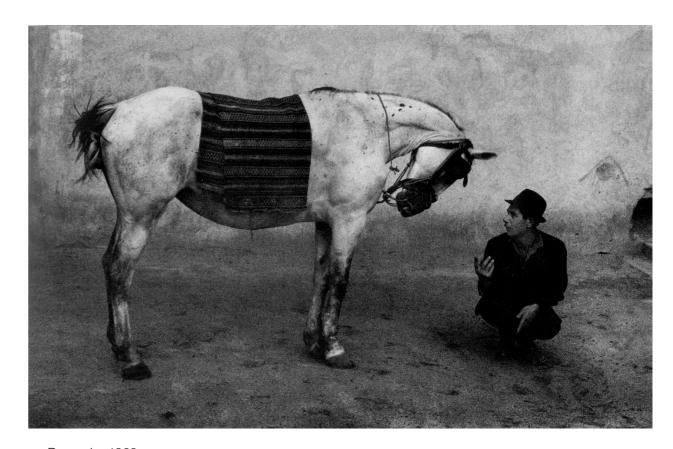Princeton University Art Museum, New Jersey, usa

Art Institute of Chicago usa,
Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles, usa
Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, Ma, usa
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Ma, usa
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia, usa
Ministry of Culture, Brussels, Belgium
Tokyo Photographic Art Museum, Japan
Harry Ransom Center, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, usa
Galerie in Forum Stadtpark, Graz, Austria
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía, Madrid, Spain
The Museum of Photography, Seoul, Korea
Stedelijk Museum of Modern Art, Amsterdam
Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington, nz
Národní galerie, Prague, cz
Moravian Gallery, Brno
International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House, Rochester, New York, usa

Czechoslovakia, 1968

Romania, 1968

Spain, 1971

Portugal, 1976

France, 1987

Prague, August 1968

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Czechoslovakia, 1968

Jarabina, Czechoslovakia,
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