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# Slow Walking in NY

## Photographs by Michael Lang

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**Opening Reception:**  
**Friday, April 10, 2015, 6-8:30 pm**

Documentary photographer Michael Lang presents a solo show of his most recent work at the Touchstone Gallery at 901 New York Ave., NW, April 1 – 26, 2015.

Lang's previous shows at Touchstone Gallery and elsewhere typically focused on photo essays of marginalized groups of people with the most recent being *The Drag Illusion*, a dramatic study of drag performers. On April 1 Lang returns with a show of street photography entitled 'Slow Walking in NY'.

Although based in DC, Lang regularly spends time in NY to feel the energy and inspiration of the city. Because he uses braces and crutches, a result of childhood polio, he walks quite slowly. This allows for more intense observation of his surroundings. He intuits the forms and composition of the city, the irony of messages, and the interactions of people and their surroundings.



The show begins with two images taken within the Museum of Modern Art. One shows two levels of the interior, contrasting order and disorder. The other image is a study of people observing and reacting to a painting by Jackson Pollock.

As viewers move among the walls of the exhibit, they will see images of contrasting messages pasted on public telephones,

a couple on a bus seemingly in their own worlds but actually connected physically. A subway image shows a person looking for an escape from the crowd that engulfs her. Kenneth Cole's store window speaks out for same sex marriage. People in Chinatown's Columbus Park play a traditional version of chess while others perform their treasured Chinese opera. By walking slowly, Lang reveals with his camera the richness of the city.

Lang is a member of Touchstone Gallery where he has exhibited his work for more than 15 years. He is also a member of the faculty of Photoworks at Glen Echo Park.



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