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Here's what's to come!

Hello everyone, this month's speaker Ralph Lee Hopkins will present *Passport to Anywhere: Travels with National Geographic*. Tickets are now available **HERE**. The event will be held on Zoom only.

Also, the New York City group of the Sierra Club will be presenting a film on December 10th, at the SVA Theatre.

Continue reading for more info on these two events.

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Upcoming Speaker Event

Ralph Lee Hopkins - Passport to Anywhere: Travels with National Geographic
Tuesday December 15th - 6:30-8:30 pm Zoom Only

With a long career spanning from film to digital, Colorado-based photographer and geologist Ralph Lee Hopkins travels to the world's wild places with National Geographic, Lindblad Expeditions, and Natural Habitat Adventures.

While he is drawn to the polar regions for the icy landscapes and abundant wildlife, the Grand Canyon remains his photographic home. He enjoys the sense of advetnure and the challenge of capturing the unique moments of an expedition, while sharing once-in-a-lifetime experiences with fellow explorers.

Ralph is the founder and past director of Expedition Photography for the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geogrpahic Alliance. Images from his travels are published widely by National Geographic, Arizona Highways, and other major publications. His enthusiasm for story-telling and the creative aspects of photography is contagious and chronicled in his book, Nature Photography: Documenting the Wild World. He combined his love of landscapes and geology background in the popular guidebooks Hiking the Southwest's Geology and Hiking Colorado's Geology.

Tickets for the event can be purchased HERE, with suggested donation of $8.



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Member News

December 10 at SVA THEATER, WEST 23 ST. NYC

The Sierra Club NYC Group's Inspiring Connections Outdoors, along with 5Point, a Colorado-based organization, will present the annual 5Point Adventure Film Festival at the SVA Theater at 333 West 23 St. (between 8th and 9th Avenues) The evening brings the Sierra Club and the outdoor community together for impactful and fun adventure short films, with all proceeds supporting NYC ICO trips for young people.

Get tickets on Eventbrite →

Watch the official festival trailer →

See full event details →

Doors open at 6:00 PM for raffle sales and vendor engagement. Films run from 7:00–9:30 PM, followed by a VIP hour from 9:30–10:30 PM. The event also includes a live auction and raffle with outdoor trips, classes, gear, and prizes from Patagonia, Stio, and more.

Your purchase will directly support the incredible work of New York City Inspiring Connections Outdoors (NYC ICO), a 100% volunteer-run program that engages partners to co-create affirming experiences for youth with limited access to nature. We seek a more just, equitable, and inclusive movement that demands access to the outdoors for all. We take NYC youth out on trips such as hiking, ice skating, camping, skiing, apple picking, and more! You can learn more about ICO's charitable and education programs here.

NYC ICO would like to thank our sponsors showcased here, who are helping bring this important fundraiser to you.

Ticket purchases and donations made through the ticket page are not tax deductible.



Members Exhibiting



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If you will be exhibiting any of your work soon, please email the exhibition information to **info@sierraphotonyc.com** for it to be added in this section of our newsletter.

Upcoming Outings

Stay tuned for more outings coming next year.



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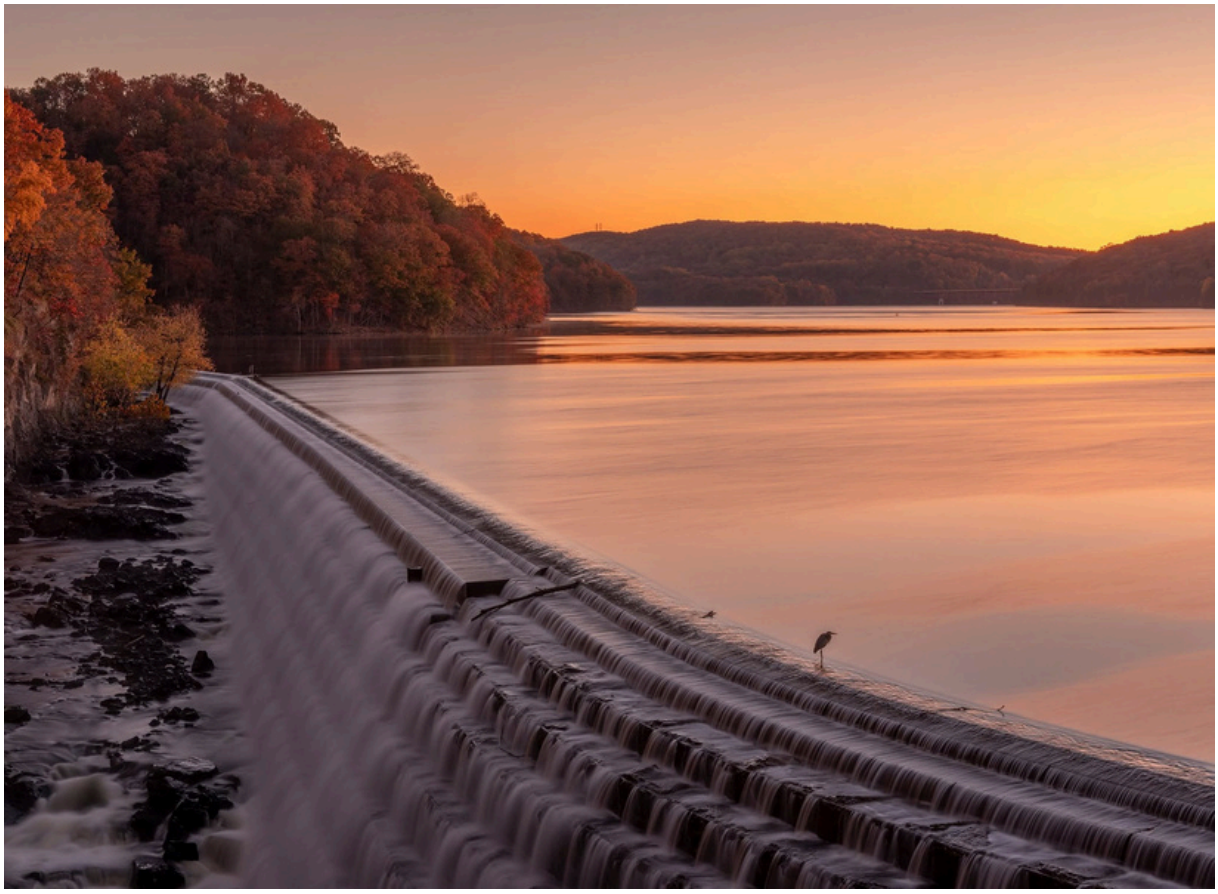
Conservation



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If you are part of a local conservation group and would like to share the work you do with other Sierra Club Photo NYC members, please email the information to **info@sierraphotonyc.com** so it can be added to this section of our newsletter.

Information / Contact

Stay Up-To-Date:
The fastest way to receive our news and updates is by following our website. At the very bottom of the homepage on our website, on the right-hand side, look for the word 'Subscribe'. Click on it, then simply enter your email.

Questions?
All questions should be sent to **info@sierraphotonyc.com**

Meeting Registration:
Advanced registration is required for all meetings, with a suggested donation of $8.00 at the time of reservation. You'll need to create an **Eventbrite** account with your email and password, if this is your first time using it. You can also visit the Sierra Club Photo NYC Eventbrite page, **HERE** to reserve tickets to future meetings.

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings, including in-person ones, are broadcast via Zoom. **On the meeting date, Eventbrite sends two emails to ticket holders: one two hours before and another at the start time, both with the meeting Zoom link. This is where you will access the Zoom link for each meeting.** Meetings start at 6:30 pm, with the presenter beginning at 7:00 pm. For in-person attendance, present your Eventbrite confirmation email upon arrival at SVA.

Add Your Name to our Members Log

1. Click **HERE** to access our active members log.
2. Fill your name, last speaker event attended, sierra club ID number and expiration date.
3. If you are an active Sierra Club Photo NYC member, the last column will turn green, and state "active member". If you are not, it will stay red and indicate "non-active member".

Please share your nature photos with us!
Instagram:
1. When creating a new post, click on "Tag people".
2. Then tap on your photo for the search bar to appear.
3. Lastly, type in and find Sierra Club Photo NYC. Click the name to officially tag us.

Facebook:
1. Post your photos on the group page, Friends of Sierra Club Photo NYC.
2. Wait for an administrator to accept and post your photo.

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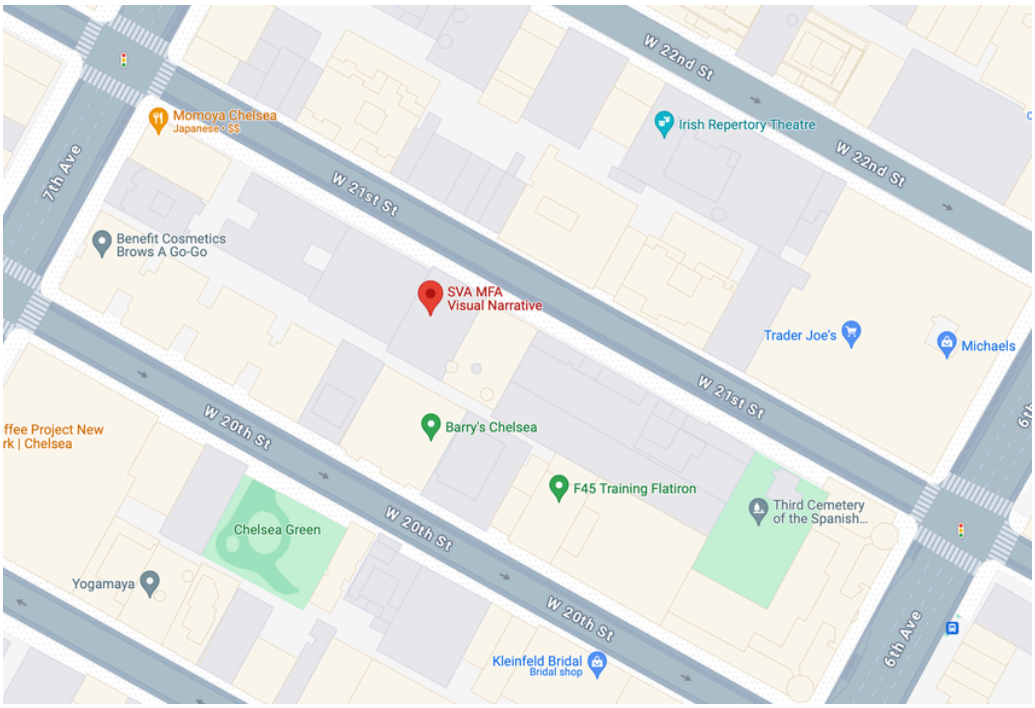
Joining Us In Person?

School of Visual Arts
132 West 21st Street, Room 418F, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10011

Transit:
1 train to 23rd Street
F/M train to 23rd Street
C/E to 23rd Street
M7/M55 Bus to 6th Ave & West 20 Street

Doors open at 6:30pm, program starts at 7:00pm
$8 suggested donation though Eventbrite



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Meeting Schedule for 2026/'27

December 15th - Ralph Lee Hopkins - Zoom Only
January 26th - TBD - In-Person & on Zoom
February 16th - Thomas Koeck - Zoom Only
March 23rd - Gary Hershorn - In-Person & on Zoom
April 13th - TBD - Zoom Only
May 11th - Jon McCormack - In-Person & on Zoom
June 15th - Members Night - Zoom Only

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