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## The History of Photography from Glass Negatives to Digital Images

Gilbert Studio celebrates 80 years of portrait photography, historical prints and memorabilia

Nathan Gilbert, Al Gilbert, Jack Gilbert, Ina Gilbert, Michael Gilbert, Darren Levan.

Historical photographs by Yousuf Karsh and George Hurrell

In celebration of the Gilbert family's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in photography, the Carrier Gallery is hosting a retrospective of father Nathan and son Al Gilbert's portrait photography. In addition, contemporary photographic work by family members Jack, Ina and Michael Gilbert and Darren Levant will also be on display. This contemporary and historical exhibition will also feature vintage cameras, early photography equipment and important historical prints by renowned photographers including Canadian portrait photographer Yousuf Karsh.

The exhibition encompasses the modern history of photography - from Nathan Gilbert's photographs after arriving in Toronto from Kiev, Russia in 1922, to his son Al's distinguished career as a portraitist, to other son Jack's production of digital images in 2003. In all, the display effectively chronicles the history of photography from the 1920's to the digital age.

Often referred to as the Ambassador of Canadian Photography, Al Gilbert's style is recognized internationally. He was voted Photographer of the Year in Canada and he holds a Master's Degree in photography. He is a member of the Order of Canada, holds the Confederate Medal in Canada and was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Photographic Industry of America and the International Award from the American Society of Photographers. Throughout his distinguished career, Al Gilbert has photographed hundreds of famous people including Frank Sinatra, Pope John Paul II and Oscar Peterson.

The exhibition will include original signed photographs by George Hurrell who became famous for his Hollywood Collection of "glamour" portraits of legendary actors including Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich and Clark Gable, to mention a few. The photographs capture the drama, romance and nostalgia of Hollywood's "Golden Era" of the 1930's. The Gilbert collection will also exhibit original, signed Yousuf Karsh portraits including the famous Winston Churchill, Georgia O'Keefe and Marc Chagall images.

The History of Photography from Glass Negatives to Digital Images is the Carrier Gallery's participation in Contact Toronto Photography Festival.

The Gallery is expecting approximately 5000+ visitors to the exhibition.

