

Media Alert

Renowned and celebrated Canadian photographer displays *The Majestic Maasai* collection in support of Free The Children

Two years ago portrait photographer V. Tony Hauser traveled to Kenya to document the humanitarian work of Canada's most inspired international, youth-motivated organization, Free the Children, the largest network of children helping children through education.

Attracted and captivated by the complex customs of various African tribes, Hauser became acquainted with traditional Maasai villagers who eventually invited him into their homes to be photographed. Intrigued by the Maasai's regal poise and serenity, the photographer set out to make portraits with both modern and antique cameras, and on occasion he used his last available sheets of recently discontinued Polaroid black and white large format film. The results are intimate, engaging and elegant images of tribal chiefs and elders as well as family groups and children or young 'warriors' at the brink of manhood.

This week *The Majestic Maasai* exhibit will be on display in Montreal for all to see these intimate moments with a truly amazing group of individuals. Hauser is generously donating one third of all sales from *The Majestic Maasai* exhibition to Free the Children.

International child rights activist and Free The Children Co-Founder, Craig Kielburger, will be at the gallery on Thursday evening to visit this remarkable collection and to honour Hauser for his special exhibit.

Exhibition Details:

When: Thursday, June 11th, 2009

Where: Osik Design Gallery
358, rue Sherbrook Est

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EST

About V. Tony Hauser

V. Tony Hauser is best known as one of Canada's leading portrait photographers. Over his 35-year career he has honed his craft as a specialist in black and white printing. Outside of his professional work, Hauser is an original member of PhotoSensitive, a non-profit volunteer organization exploring how photography can contribute to social justice.

About Free The Children

Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education, with more than one million youth involved in our innovative education and development programs in 45 countries. Founded in 1995 by international child rights activist Craig Kielburger, Free The Children has a proven track record of success. The organization has received the World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child (also known as the Children's Nobel Prize), the Human Rights Award from the World Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, and has formed successful partnerships with leading school boards and Oprah's Angel Network.

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If you are interested in attending the event or would like to book an interview with V. Tony Hauser or Free The Children Co-Founder, Craig Kielburger, please contact:

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