

In Memoriam: Robert Frank (1924–2019)

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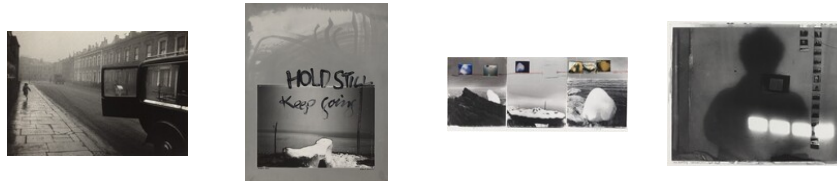
Robert Frank, [Trolley—New Orleans](#), 1955, gelatin silver print, Gift of Maria and Lee Friedlander, 2001.8.1
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This exhibition is no longer on view at the National Gallery.

In memory of Robert Frank, who died at age 94 on September 9, 2019, a special installation of five of the influential artist's photographs made between 1952 and 1993 highlights the evolution of Frank's art—from his groundbreaking early images that evocatively captured his response to the world around him to his later diaristic pictures that pushed the boundaries of contemporary photography.

Included in the installation are two of his most celebrated early pictures: *London* (1952–1953), of a child running away from a hearse, and *Trolley—New Orleans* (1955), his poignant yet searing depiction of racism from his seminal book *The Americans*. Also displayed are three of his later pictures: *Hold Still—Keep Going* (1989), which alludes to the ways in which photography seeks to hold

back the passage of time; *End of Dream* (1992), a unique composite work consisting of multiple color and black-and-white prints made at his home in Nova Scotia; and *New York City, 7 Bleecker Street* (1993), a self-portrait he made for the Gallery's 1994 exhibition *Robert Frank: Moving Out*.



Organization: Organized by the National Gallery of Art, Washington

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