

IN THE RING WITH COLIN JACOBSON **An exciting series of photographic encounters**

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HOST gallery is proud to announce that renowned picture editor, teacher and photojournalism specialist Colin Jacobson will be the resident host of their new season of gallery talks in London.

The series of talks begins at 6:30pm on Wednesday 8th November with Colin sparring with acclaimed photographer and journalist Nick Danziger. Danziger will be in London to open his new photography exhibition, *Behind the Headlines: Afghan Lives*, which runs from 7th November - 18th November.

In addition to hosting discussions related to the current exhibitions at HOST, Jacobson will be inviting the best known and most engaging personalities in news, photography and new media to enter the ring with him as he jabs away at the common myths surrounding photo reportage, getting to the heart of the issues behind images and journalism in the digital age.

Future guests will include Dutch photographer, Kadir van Lohuizen, on the occasion of his exhibition about the diamond trade, and British photographer, Tim Hetherington, who will be discussing his unique approach to documentary journalism using still images, film and electronic media. An exciting new development will be the ability for members of the public to nominate the subjects and individuals they wish to see Colin tackle via an interactive voting system on the HOST gallery website. (hostgallery.co.uk)

Gallery co-director, Jon Levy, says, "I am both proud and excited that Colin has agreed to be our 'Master of the Ring' for HOST gallery talks and discussions going into the next year, he is after all the undisputed heavyweight champion of photojournalism."

Colin Jacobson says, "I am looking forward to the sessions being stimulating and provocative, raising important and relevant issues around contemporary photojournalism and its future. The sparring will be a good work-out for my guests and for the audience."

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HOST, established in 2005, is London's premiere venue for exhibiting photojournalism. Co-founded by Jon Levy, director of foto8, and Adrian Evans, director of Panos Pictures, HOST pushes the boundaries of story telling.

Colin Jacobson is one of the world's most respected picture editors having worked at the Independent magazine during its heyday and the Observer magazine. He has sat as chairman of World Press Photo and founded Reportage magazine in the 1990s. Jacobson is currently course leader of the Photojournalism MA at the University of Westminster and a member of the World Press Photo UK Committee.

Nick Danziger is an award winning photographer, writer and film-maker. Danziger has worked in Afghanistan for over twenty years and his latest commission for the Department for International Development gets to the heart of a country often in the news but little known beneath the surface.

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