

Exhibition: Robert Frank – Why Don't We Talk About Photography Once Again?

Venue: Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts

Dates: June 29 – September 23, 2019

Closed: Tuesdays (open all days in July and in August)

Admission: General Admission 800yen (600 yen), University Students (with valid ID) 600 yen (400 yen), No charge for primary school students or preschoolers

(Special rates in parentheses for groups of 20 or more, reservations only.)

Recognized as one of the most important photographers in the world, Robert Frank has a large following of avid fans from every generation. After the publication of his most notable work, a book entitled, *The Americans*, he focused mainly on film production and although he continued to publish numerous books of photographs, he held comparatively few exhibitions, earning him a reputation as a legendary photographer.

In *The Americans*, he expressed the shock, tension, alienation, unease and loneliness he experienced in postwar American society as a young outsider, who had emigrated there from Switzerland, leading the work to be severely criticized as anti-American. However, it was not long before young people of his generation and artists showed a sympathetic attitude towards the work for its subjective, personal viewpoint, expressed freely using techniques that broke away from existing photographic styles. Ultimately, the appearance of Frank's work was to have a profound effect on twentieth-century photography.

This exhibition will consist of 106 works selected from our large collection of his work and will include many that have not been exhibited previously or appeared in any of his numerous books of photographs. These vintage prints, which were produced soon after the photographs were taken, allow us to follow the explorations and challenges carried out by the young Robert Frank and see the way his eye developed over a period of 15 years, from the age of 23 to 38, as he traveled through the U.S.A., South America and Europe.

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10:00 am – 6:00 pm admission until 5:30 pm)

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