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### **VIVIAN MAIER UNCRATED EXHIBIT OPENING**

VILLA PARK, Illinois-June 10, 2016 - The well attended recent gala opening of the "Vivian Maier Uncrated" gallery exhibit at the nonprofit Park Art Center, located at 9 E. Park Blvd. in Villa Park, has been the talk of the town. Locals and visitors from surrounding DuPage County communities shared this very unique and special experience of viewing the 35 extraordinary Vivian Maier black and white prints. The Park Art Center collaborated with a private collector to share Vivian's work to the public for a free, educational experience. It is so rare that an exhibit of this caliber is available so close to home. The captivating photos reflect the daily life of ordinary people taken in the 1950s and 1960s. Vivian captured the fleeting glances of children, men and women expertly on film and showed the grit of Chicago street life during this time period.

Since Vivian's death in 2009, the very private former live-in Chicago area nanny's passionate secret hobby became known worldwide when the contents of her unpaid storage lockers were sold and her negatives were discovered. Vivian is now recognized as a skillful street photographer, and her work has been shown in galleries and museums in major cities all over the world.

This free exhibit will run through July 30th. A Vivian Maier limited edition photography book is available for viewing. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday 11-5:00pm.

Planned events include the showing of "The Vivian Maier Mystery" documentary movie on June 15 and June 21 at 7:00pm; an educational program featuring guest speakers (film developer and master printer) on June 29 at 7:00pm, and lastly, "Vivian Maier Developed" program by guest researcher and contributing writer of the "Finding Vivian Maier" book on July 28 at 7:00 pm.

#### **About Park Art Center**

The Park Art Center is a 501(c) 3 non-profit devoted to fostering the appreciation and expression of the arts among diverse audiences. We are a community-based organization dedicated to providing access to the arts for people of all ages and backgrounds through art education, exhibition, and collaborative projects.

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Hours: Tues. thru Sat. 11am - 5pm

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