

Martin PARR

Martin Parr (1952 - 2025, United Kingdom) is a pioneer of contemporary photographic culture, an avid photography book collector and the president of Magnum Photos. In addition to large-scale retrospectives of his work in the Barbican Art Gallery in London (2002), Haus de Kunst in Munich (2008) and other prestigious venues, Parr's accolades have included the Dr. Erich Salomon Award of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Photographie (DGPh) (2006) and Photo Espania lifetime achievement prize (2008). He is the co-author of three volumes of the highly influential *The Photobook: A History*, and wrote a book about the History of Chinese Photobook that published in spring 2015. Parr has published over 80 books of his own work and edited another 30.

Parr died in Bristol, UK in 2025.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 "Martin Parr's Dunoon", Dunoon Burgh Hall, Scotland, UK
"Media Networks @ Tate Modern", Boiler House, Tate Modern, London UK
- 2017 "Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr – 2017 Exhibition", Somerset House, London, UK
- 2016 "Welcome to Belfast", Belfast Exposed, Ireland, UK
"Parrtificial", Museum of Image and Sound, Sao Paulo, Brazil
"Martin Parr – A photographic Journey", Kunst Haus Wien, Vienna, Austria
"Unseen City", The Guildhall, London, UK
"Martin Parr – Early Black and White", Anzenberger Gallery, Vienna, Austria
"The Rhubarb Triangle and Other Stories", The Hepworth Wakefield, Wakefield, UK
- 2015 "MMM", Le Recontres d' Arles, Arles, France
"Life's a Beach", Théâtre de la Photographie et de l'Image, Nice, France
"Black Country Stories", Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Wolverhampton, UK
"Martin Parr at the Beach", Le Bon Marche, Paris, France
"GuatePhoto Festival 15", Guatemala City, USA
"Souvenir", Fotografiska, Stockholm, Sweden
"The Non-Conformists", Compton Verney, Warwickshire, UK
"Bad Weather", Espace JB, Geneva, Switzerland
"A Taste for Mulhouse", La Filature, Mullhouse, France
- 2014 "Martin Parr", Blindspot Gallery, Hong Kong
"Life's a Beach and Machu Picchu", Lima Photo Biennial, Centro Cultural Britanico, Lima, Peru
"Martin Parr's Paris", Maison Européenne de la Photographie, Paris, France
- 2013 "Only in England (The Non-Conformists) with Tony Ray-Jones", Media Space, London, UK
"Martin Parr / Retrospective", Galerie Paris-Beijing, Brussels, Belgium
- 2012 "No Worries", FotoFreo 2012, Western Australian Maritime Museum, Freemantle, Australia
"Life's a Beach", Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon, Lyon, France

- "Souvenir. Martin Parr, Photography and Collecting", Centre de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain
- 2009 "Planète Parr", Jeu de Paume, Paris, France
- 2008 "ParrWorld", Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany
- 2005 "Life along the A8 Corridor", The Lighthouse, Glasgow, UK
- 2002 "Retrospective, Martin Parr Photoworks 1971-2000", Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
"The Phone Show", Rocket Gallery, London, UK
- 1999 "Common Sense", Rocket Gallery, London, UK
- 1998 "Ooh La La", National Media Museum, Bradford, UK
- 1995 "Home and Abroad", International Photography Meeting, Plovdiv, Bulgaria
"Small World", The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK
- 1994 "From A to B", 27 Welcome Break service stations, UK
- 1993 "Home and Abroad", Watershed Gallery, Bristol, UK and tour
"Bored Couples", Galerie du Jour, Paris, France and subsequent tour
"A Year in the Life of Chew Stoke", Chew Stoke Village Hall, Somerset, UK
- 1986 "The Last Resort", Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
- 1984 "A Fair Day", Orchard Gallery, Derry, Ireland and tour
- 1982 "Bad Weather", The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK and tour
- 1981 "The Non-Conformists", Camerawork, London, UK
- 1978 "This is Your Life", South Pennine Information Centre, Hebden Bridge, UK
- 1976 "Beauty Spots", Impressions Gallery, York, UK and tour
- 1974 "Home Sweet Home", Impressions Gallery, York, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 "New Brighton Revisited", The Old Sailing School, New Brighton, UK
"Feast for the Eyes: The Story of Food in Photography", Louisiana Museum of Art and Science, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
"Martin Parr: Early Work", HUXLEY PARLOUR, London, UK
"Players. Magnum photographers come into play.", PHotoEspaña Festival, Madrid, Spain
"Weather", D Museum, Seoul, Korea
"Martin Parr: Remote Scottish Postboxes", Rocket Gallery, London, UK
"Martin Parr: Souvenir – A Photographic Journey", Stadthaus Ulm, Germany
"The Great British Seaside", National Maritime Museum, London, UK
"Beyond View", Belfast School of Art, Ulster University, Northern Ireland

- "Magnum Manifesto", Museo dell'Ara Pacis, Rome, Italy
- 2017 "Only in England", Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, Great Yarmouth, UK
 "Oxford", Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford, UK
 "Autophoto", Fondation Cartier, Paris, France
- 2016 "Performing for the Camera", Tate Modern, London, UK
 "Eaux Troubles, Eaux Calmes", Fondation Francois Schneider, Grand Est, France
- 2015 "Photo Shanghai 2015", Booth: Blindspot Gallery, Shanghai Exhibition Centre, Shanghai, China
 "Open for Business", Street Level Photoworks, Glasgow, UK
 "Work, Rest and Play: British Photography from the 1960s to Today", OCT Loft, Shenzhen, China
 "Feeding the planet, Energy for Life, Oops...Chocolate!", Expo Milano 2015, Milan, Italy
 "Open for Business", M Shed, Bristol, UK
 "Magnificent Obsessions: The Artist as Collector", Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
 "Only in England", Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK
- 2014 "Playgrounds", Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid, Spain
 "Open For Business", National Media Museum Bradford, UK
- 2012 "Glam! The Performance of Style", Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
- 2009 "Georgian Spring", UferHallen, Berlin, Germany
- 2008 "No Such Thing As Society: Photography in Britain 1968-1987", Leeds City Art Gallery, Leeds, UK
 "No Such Thing As Society: Photography in Britain 1968-1987", Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery, Cumbria, UK
 "Street and Studio", Tate Modern, London, UK
- 2006 "Click Double Click", Haus der Kunst, Munich, Germany; Palais des Beaux-Arts, Brussels, Belgium
- 2003 "Cruel & Tender", Museum Ludwig, Cologne, Germany; Tate Modern, London, UK
- 1996 "Who's Looking at the Family?", Barbican Art Gallery, London, UK
- 1991 "British Photography from the Thatcher Years", Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
- 1989 "The Art of Photography", Royal Academy, London, UK
- 1986 "British Contemporary Photography", Houston Foto Festival, Houston, USA
- 1978 "Art for Society", Whitechapel Art Gallery, London, UK
- 1973 "Serpentine 73", Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
- 1972 "Butlins by the Sea (with Daniel Meadows)", Impressions Gallery, York, UK

1971 "Students of Manchester Polytechnic", Kendal Milne Department Store, Manchester, UK

Selected Awards

- 2017 Sony Photography Awards – Outstanding Contribution to Photography
- 2014 Lucie Awards - Honoree: Achievement in Documentary
- 2008 Photo Espania lifetime achievement prize
Honorary Degree, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
The Royal Photographic Society - Centenary Award
The Photographic Society of Japan - International Award
Photo Espania Award for Photographic achievement
- 2007 2006 Kraszna Krausz Book Award - *Photobook, A History, Vol 1 and 2* with Gerry Badger
- 2006 Honorary Master's degree, University for the Creative Arts, UK
Moscow House of Photography - International photography prize
Dr. Erich Salomon Award of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Photographie (DGPh)
- 2005 The Royal Photographic Society - Honorary Fellowship
- 2003 Photo Espania book prize - *Martin Parr, by Val Williams*
- 1995 Wilkins Photography Prize

Collections

Archive of Modern Conflict, London, UK
Arts Council of Great Britain, UK
Arts Council of Ireland, Ireland
Australian National Gallery, Australia
Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France
British Council, UK
Calderdale Council, Halifax, UK
Dudley Archives and Local History Services, UK
Gemeentemuseum, the Netherlands
George Eastman House, Rochester, USA
Guernsey Museums, The Channel Islands
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Ireland
Kodak, France
La Filature, Mulhouse, France
M+ Museum, Hong Kong
Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
Minneapolis Institute of Arts, USA
Museum Folkwang, Essen, Germany
Museum for Fotokunst, Odense, Denmark
Museum of Modern Art, New York, USA
Museum of Modern Art, Tampere, Finland
Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo
National Centre for Contemporary Arts, Moscow

National Museum of Fine Arts, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Paris Audiovisual, France
Philadelphia Museum of Art, USA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, USA
Seagrams Collection, New York, USA
Sprengel Museum, Hannover, Germany
Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Tate Modern, London, UK
The Guildhall, UK
The Hepworth Wakefield, UK
The J. Paul Getty Museum, USA
The Public, West Bromwich, UK
Theatre de la Photographie et de l'Image, France
Union Bank of Finland, Helsinki, Finland
Victoria and Albert Museum, London, UK
Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, UK
Wolverhampton Art Gallery, UK
Yokohama Museum of Art, Tokyo, Japan