

Martin PARR

Martin Parr (1952 - 2025, UK) is a pioneer of contemporary photographic culture, an avid photography book collector and the president of Magnum Photos (2013-2017). His solo exhibitions include large-scale retrospectives of his work in Jeu de Paume (Paris, 2026), Foam Museum (Amsterdam, 2026), Fotografiska (Stockholm & Shanghai, 2025-2026), Neues Museum Nürnberg (Nuremberg, 2025), MUDEC Museo delle culture (Milan, 2024), and other prestigious venues. 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—*The Chinese Photobook From The 1900s To The Present*—that was published in the spring of 2015. Parr has published over 140 books of his own work and edited another 30.

Parr died in Bristol, UK, in 2025.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2026 “Martin Parr: Global Warning”, Jeu de Paume, Paris, France
“Martin Parr: A Fair Day”, The Photographers’ Gallery, London, UK
“Martin Parr: The Last Resort”, Martin Parr Foundation, Bristol, UK
“Martin Parr: In Plain View”, Magnum Gallery, Paris, France
“Martin Parr: Very Modern and Rather Ugly”, Foam Museum, Amsterdam, the Netherlands
“Martin Parr: Short & Sweet”, Fotografiska Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2025 “Martin Parr: Short & Sweet”, Fotografiska Shanghai, Shanghai, China
“Bristol Pride x Martin Parr”, Bristol Museum & Art Gallery, Bristol, UK
“Martin Parr. Fashion Faux Parr”, Nicola von Senger, Zürich, Switzerland
“Grand Hotel Parr: Photobooks by Martin Parr”, Neues Museum Nürnberg, Nuremberg, Germany
- 2024 “Martin Parr: Short & Sweet”, MUDEC Museo delle Culture, Milan, Italy
“Martin Parr: DCOMP: Devon and Cornwall”, Burton Art Gallery and Museum, Bideford, UK
“Martin Parr: Early Works”, Fotografie Forum Frankfurt, Frankfurt, Germany
“Iconic works from Martin Parr’s Archives by Galerie Clémentine de la Féronnière”, Christie’s Paris, Paris, France
- 2023 “Self-portraits. Martin Parr. Thessaloniki Photo Biennale 2023”, MOMus Contemporary, Thessaloniki, Greece
“Martin Parr: The Parr Survey”, Harper’s Chelsea 534, Chelsea, USA
“Martin Parr: A Year in The Life of Chew Stoke Village”, Martin Parr Foundation, Bristol, UK
- 2022 “Martin Parr: Time and Place”, McMullen Museum of Art, Boston, USA
“Martin Parr: Life’s a Beach”, Mücsarnok Kunsthalle, Budapest, Hungary
“Martin Parr, The Anonymous Project: Déjà View”, Magnum Paris, France
“L’Irlande de Martin Parr”, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris, France
“Martin Parr: Parr’s Ireland: 40 Years of Photography”, Belfast Exposed, Belfast, UK

- 2021 "Parr's Ireland: 40 years of Photography", Gallery of Photography, Dublin, Ireland
- 2020 "The Eye of Parr", Lorena Carrillo Gallery, Monterrey, Mexico
 "Martin Parr: Parrathon. A Retrospective", Frac Bretagne, Rennes, France
 "Martin Parr: Think of Scotland", The Pier Arts Center, Stromness, UK
- 2019 "Think of Scotland", Aberdeen Art Gallery, Scotland, UK
 "Martin Parr in Wales", National Museum Cardiff, Wales, UK
 "Martin Parr Retrospective", NRW-Forum Düsseldorf, Germany
 "Souvenir", Miguel Urrutia Art Museum, Bogotá, Colombia
 "Martin Parr: Only Human", National Portrait Gallery, London, UK and Magnum London, UK
 "50 years, 50 books: Masterworks from the library of Martin Parr", LUMA Arles, France
- 2018 "Martin Parr's Dunoon", Dunoon Burgh Hall, Scotland, UK
 "Media Networks @ Tate Modern", Boiler House, Tate Modern, London, UK
 "Life's a Beach", Perspektivet Museum, Tromsø, Norway
 "Martin Parr: Early Work 1971-1986", Huxley-Parlour Gallery, London, UK
 "Holiday Parr-ty: British Food Photographs by Martin Parr", Janet Borden Inc., New York, USA
 "Martin Parr: Return to Manchester", Manchester Art Gallery, Manchester, UK
- 2017 "Sony World Photography Awards & Martin Parr – 2017 Exhibition", Somerset House, London, UK
 "Martin Parr: The Ceremony of Life", The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK
- 2016 "Welcome to Belfast", Belfast Exposed, Belfast, 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", Les Rencontres 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, Guatemala
 "Souvenir", Fotografiska, Stockholm, Sweden
 "The Non-Conformists", Compton Verney, Warwickshire, UK
 "Bad Weather", Espace JB, Geneva, Switzerland
 "A Taste for Mulhouse", La Filature, Mulhouse, 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, Fremantle, 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
 "Bored Couples", Galerie du Jour, Paris, France
 "A Year in the Life of Chew Stoke", Chew Stoke Village Hall, Somerset, UK
- 1986 "The Last Resort", Serpentine Gallery, London, UK
- 1985 "The Last Resort", Open Eye Gallery, Liverpool, UK (joint solo exhibition with Tom Wood)
- 1984 "A Fair Day", Orchard Gallery, Derry, Ireland
- 1982 "Bad Weather", The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK
- 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
- 1974 "Home Sweet Home", Impressions Gallery, York, UK

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 "Un siècle d'échecs", Perrotin, Paris, France
 "Faces in the Crowd: Street Photography", Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, USA
 "Bringing it All Back Home", CCA Andratx, Andratx, Spain

- 2025 "Too Real to Be True", OstLicht Gallery, Vienna, Austria
 "Beside the Sea: Photographs by JJ Waller and Martin Parr", Hove Museum, Hove, UK
 "Crossroad Blue", Photoink, New Delhi, India
 "Martin Parr & Maya Golyshkina", Nicola von Senger, Zürich, Switzerland
 "Faire Corps", Frac Bretagne, Rennes, France
- 2024 "By The Seaside", The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK
 "China: From Cultural Revolution to Global Superpower", Fort of Bard, Aosta, Italy
- 2023 "The English at Home: 20th Century Domestic Photographs From the Hyman Collection",
 Centre for British Photography, London, UK
 "This is Britain: Photographs from the 1970s and 1980s", National Gallery of Art, Washington
 D.C., USA
 "Humdrum: Snippets from an Everyday Life from a bunch of super ordinary people but
 amazing artists", CCA Andratx, Andratx, Spain
 "Fotografia", Mattatoio, Rome, Italy
 "Design Days: Domesticity", Gowen Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2022 "The Pet Show", Fotografiska Tallinn, Tallinn, Estonia
 "Life Framer Photography Prize", London, UK
 "Un Tiempo Propio: Liberarse De Las Ataduras De Lo Cotidiano", Centre Pompidou, Malaga,
 Spain
 "Island", Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK
 "Magnum Photos: Colors, Places, Faces", Armani/Silos, Milano, Italy
 "Clip Award 2022", Perth Centre for Photography, Perth, Australia
- 2021 "Here, There, Somewhere", Paris-B, Paris, France
 "Light Years: The Photographers' Gallery at 50", The Photographers' Gallery, London, UK
 "Toiletpaper & Martin Parr", Villa Medici, Rome, Italy
 "Facing Britian", Kunsthalle Darmstadt, Darmstadt, Germany
 "The Pet Show", Fotografiska Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden
 "Picturing the South: 25 Years", High Museum of Art, Atlanta, USA
- 2020 "Over Coffee", Gowen Contemporary, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2019 "Fotografi a Roma", Museo di Roma, Roma, Italy
 "Changing Views: 20 Years of Art Collection Deutsche Börse", Foam Museum, Amsterdam,
 the Netherlands
 "Feast for the Eyes: The Story of Food in Photography", C/O Berlin, Berlin, Germany
 "Seaside: Photographed", Turner Contemporary, Margate, UK
 "Versailles: Visible / Invisible", Château de Versailles, Versailles, France
 "Photography Season", National Museum Cardiff, Cardiff, UK
- 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, USA
 "Jahresgaben 2018", Kölnischer Kunstverein, Cologne, Germany

- "Inhabiting the Mediterranean", IVAM Centre Julio González, Valencia, Spain
 "Chronicle", Fotogallery, Turner House Gallery, Cardiff, UK
 "Beyond View", Belfast Exposed, Belfast, UK
- 2017 "Only in England", Time and Tide Museum of Great Yarmouth Life, Great Yarmouth, UK
 "Oxford", Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
 "Autophoto", Fondation Cartier, Paris, France
 "An unorthodox flow of images", Centre for Contemporary Photography, Hawthorn, Australia
- 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, 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

- 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award, La Gacilly-Baden Photo Festival
- 2024 The International Photography Hall of Fame, Inductee
- 2023 Honorary Doctorate, University of Wales
- 2021 Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)
- 2020 International Photography Prize, Centro de Arte Alcobendas
- 2019 Honorary Academician, Royal West of England Academy
- 2018 Pink Lady Food Photographer of the Year, Outstanding Achievement Award
- 2017 Outstanding Contribution to Photography prize, World Photography Organization
Sony Photography Awards – Outstanding Contribution to Photography
- 2016 Royal Academy Award presented for his Contribution to the Arts. Nominated by Grayson Perry
- 2014 Lucie Awards - Honoree: Achievement in Documentary
- 2008 The Baume et Mercier Award, PHotoEspaña Award for Photographic Achievement
Honorary Degree, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
The Royal Photographic Society - Centenary Award
The Photographic Society of Japan - International Award
- 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 PhotoEspaña book prize - *Martin Parr, by Val Williams*
- 1995 Wilkins Photography Prize

Selected Collections

Archive of Modern Conflict, UK
Arts Council of Great Britain, UK
Arts Council of Ireland, Ireland
Art Institute of Chicago, USA
Australian National Gallery, Australia
Bibliothèque Nationale, France
British Council, UK
Calderdale Council, UK
Centre Pompidou, France
Dudley Archives and Local History Services, UK
Kunstmuseum Den Haag, the Netherlands
George Eastman House, USA
Guernsey Museums, The Channel Islands
High Museum of Art, USA
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Ireland
Kodak, France
La Filature, France
LACMA Los Angeles County Museum of Art, USA
M+, Hong Kong
Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Japan
Minneapolis Institute of Arts, USA
Museum Folkwang, Germany
Museum for Fotokunst, Denmark
Museum of Modern Art, USA
Museum of Modern Art, Finland
The National Museum of Modern Art, Japan
National Centre for Contemporary Arts, Russia
National Museum of Fine Arts, Argentina
National Portrait Gallery, UK
Paris Audiovisual, France
Philadelphia Museum of Art, USA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, USA
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, USA
Seagrams Collection, USA
Sprengel Museum, Germany
Stedelijk Museum, the Netherlands
Tate Modern, UK
The Guildhall, UK
The Hepworth Wakefield, UK
The J. Paul Getty Museum, USA
The Public, UK
Theatre de la Photographie et de l'Image, France
Union Bank of Finland, Finland
Victoria and Albert Museum, UK
Walker Art Gallery, UK
Wolverhampton Art Gallery, UK
Yokohama Museum of Art, Japan