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Ride On Brother Premier

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at 6:00 PM

Place: Angelika Film Center ([website](#))

The Event: The Houston premier of the documentary of the New York Fire Department's 'Thanks America' bike tour across the United States two months following the events of September 11, 2001.

The film is a poignant reminder of the patriotism of Americans across the nation. Firefighters went from fire house to fire house from New York to California, picking up riders along the way. At each stop they were welcomed by firefighters and middle America who showed up to show their support for a grieving nation. The gesture by the New York Fire Department, to bike across the country thanking those that helped them in their time of devastation, is a remarkable example of the American Spirit.



The Houston Fire Department joined with other Texas firefighters along the way to express their brotherhood and deep commitment to their service.

This event will benefit the Fire Department New York and the Houston Fire Museum capital campaign. Construction begins on the new building in 2004.

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"...9/11/01, from Grand Central to Ground Zero" A very special moving photographic exhibition by Sugar Land Artist **Ran Debord**.

Description:

On a photographic journey around New York that started two days before September 11, Sugar Land Artist Ran Debord had been to all the major tourist points seeking to capture the magnitude, grace and beauty of the City. On Saturday, with his wife and friends, he visited the World Trade Center, and stood on top photographing the vista from 110 stories high. Two days later he had just arrived at Grand Central Station when he saw a small crowd starting to gather in front of a TV when he saw the image of smoke pouring out of the upper floors of the World Trade Center. He grabbed his equipment and rushed toward the towers not knowing the impact the events of the day were taking on America.



Photo Courtesy of Ran Debord

This exhibit chronicles his footsteps as he approached the towers and came within 1000 yards as the second building collapsed. Avoiding injury, he aided firefighters as well as helped load the injured on Ferries and helped load supplies to support the relief operation. "I hope this exhibit will remind us that even on the most beautiful day you can imagine, In the most awesome of Cities you can visit, things can happen that make no sense. The sights and sounds of lower Manhattan on 9/11/01 were surreal. Hardly a day goes by that some part of the tragedy doesn't haunt me. Heroes were made and lost, and lives were changed. Never forget 9/11/01." Ran Debord

LOCATIONS AND DATES:

Tuesday, August 5, 2003

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A collection of several of the photos will be at the Angelika Theatre for preview on Wednesday, September 4 through September 9. The complete photo exhibit will be shown in it's entirety as part of the **Ride On Brother** movie premiere on September 10.

Then on September 11, the exhibit will move to the Fire Museum as well as Miller outdoor Theatre. The photos will be on display at the Museum until January 2003.

▶ [Visit the Ran Debord Art Gallery Online](#)

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