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ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK JOINS IN THE PRESENTATION OF “PHOTOGRAPHIC JUSTICE: A TRIBUTE TO CORKY LEE”


“Photographic Justice” pays homage to the life and work of renowned New York City-based photographer Corky Lee, who documented the Asian American movement through the last five decades. The group photography exhibit will feature a selection of Lee’s works along with that of other Asian American photographers. The term “photographic justice” has been used by Lee to describe his mission to rectify the exclusion of Asian Americans in America’s visual history.

Lee’s last project was to chronicle the effort to combat anti-Asian violence before his passing from COVID-19 in 2021.

A long-time friend of AABANY, Lee was the photographer for AABANY’s Annual Dinner for many years. In 2017, AABANY co-sponsored a photo exhibit by Corky Lee in celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. At the event, Lee discussed his experiences as a photojournalist over the years as and his role as the self-proclaimed “Undisputed Unofficial Asian American Photographer Laureate.”

“Corky captured the integral role of Asian American communities in American history,” said AABANY President William Ng. “AABANY is grateful to have known him as an artist, activist, witness, neighbor, and friend. We are proud to continue honoring his memory through “Photographic Justice.””

“Photographic Justice: A Tribute to Corky Lee” is on view Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM at Hon. Charles P. Sifton Gallery of the United States Courthouse for the Eastern District of New York (225 Cadman Plaza East).

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