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Media Advisory

WHAT: “In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits” exhibition press preview
WHEN: Sept. 30
10 a.m. - noon
WHERE: Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History
10th Street & Constitution Avenue N.W.
Enter at Constitution Avenue lobby

WHO: Sam Abell, contributing Photographer-in-Residence of the National Geographic Society
Leah Bendavid-Val, editor of “In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits” and director of National Geographic photography books

“In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits” showcases the people of the world, spanning more than 100 years and covering every corner of the globe. The exhibit will feature close to 60 of the most evocative portraits culled from National Geographic’s archives of nearly 10.5 million photographs, including some never-before-seen images alongside award-winning favorites like Steve McCurry’s green-eyed Afghan refugee girl.

A new book, “In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits,” with 504 pages and more than 280 photographic portraits will be available to media at the exhibition preview.

Sam Abell and Leah Bendavid-Val will be available for interviews during the exhibition preview.

Note to Editors: Images and B-roll are available.

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