## DANIEL COONEY FINE ART

LEN SPEIER
Nearly Everybody
September 15 – October 29

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Daniel Cooney Fine Art is extremely pleased to host the first solo exhibition of photographs by 89 year-old New York City treasure Len Speier. Len has been photographing in New York and around the globe for the past 60+ years and we are proud to bring his life in photography to light.

Len's first exposure to photography came from his Uncle Sam who gave him a camera and film developing kit for his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. While other endeavors such as a stint in the Army's First Cavalry Division, law school and a private law practice diverted Len from his first love, he eventually began to make pictures again in 1957 at the age of 30.

Len's style of photographic vision reveals a deep understanding and affection for the human condition whether working in the Bronx or in mid-century Europe. His style is gentle, humorous and especially unique with a sophisticated visual language. His images are iconic, yet somehow unknown; at once familiar but full of surprises!

Len's solo exhibition of approximately 48 vintage prints will open at the gallery on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It will feature work from New York and Europe from the 1960's to 1980's. We will celebrate Len's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday with a public conversation between Len and writer Sara Rosen from Crave Online on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. Len's work has been proudly placed in the collections of the International Center of Photography, Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris, Museum of the City of New York and the New York Public Library.

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