

# ARTS HONOREE – BENOIT MAI PHETTES

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#### WHO IS HE?

- The French-born photographer, known for his large format work, followed a childhood dream and permanently moved to America in 1977, eventually becoming a US citizen
- Benoit's meticulous attention to detail and his sense of drama quickly gained international recognition with his work published in French & American Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, W, Glamour, Essence, and others
- His commissions for personal and professional portraits becoming more and more frequent, he decided to purchase and revitalize America's most respected portrait studio, Studio Charis of Pasadena and over the next 18 years, the preeminent business and political elite of the West Coast and their families became his clients

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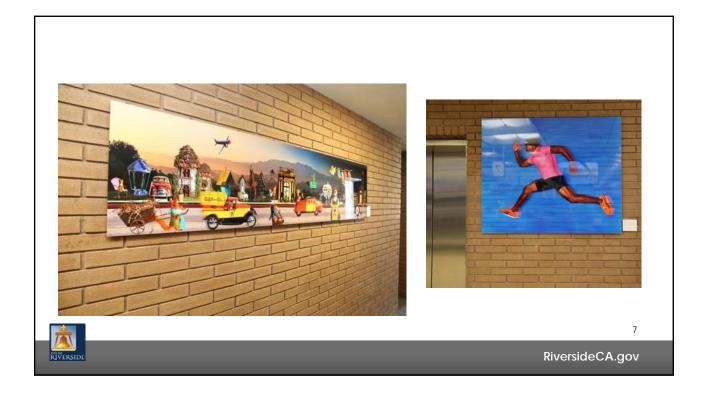


### What we know...

- Riverside Resident
- Passion for the subject and the artistry
- Commitment to know his subjects, models, work, areas is strong
- Has a committed partner, inspiration and support in his wife Kathy
- Commitment to Riverside, its businesses and its residents



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#### **ARTWORK**

- His bold images were used for major national advertising campaigns as his signature style and unique vision with his 8x10" camera became quickly recognized.
- Since 2007, Benoit and his wife, Katherine, devote their time to personal and community service artistic projects.
- His work from the fashion years to the more recent stilllifes and landscapes is represented in private collections and several museums.



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## **CURRENT WORK**

IMPRESSIONS OF BLUE CUT



BY BENOIT MALPHETTES

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MUSEUM OCT 28 2017 FEB 28 2018

