



## **Lost Photographs of The Beatles: developed from original negatives for new exhibition at Shapero Modern in Mayfair**

**Shapero Modern, 41–43 Maddox Street, London W1S 2PD  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021– Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Incredibly rare and never before seen, new photographs of the internationally renowned rock band The Beatles will be on show in Mayfair's Shapero Modern this December. These lost photographs were taken on the set of the band's first film *A Hard Day's Night* by Lord Christopher Thynne (1934–2017). The negatives remained undeveloped for fifty-seven years but now these re-discovered photographs will re-invigorate Beatlemania. Each of the developed prints are available in two sizes, but strictly limited to thirty-five of each. This exhibition at Shapero Modern will not only highlight the tantalising rarity of the photographs, but will also reveal the moments Thynne found himself through photography, whilst also shedding light on The Beatles' quieter moments between the international adoration.

Shoot back to early spring, 1964. The Beatles had just returned from their first tour of the United States and were on the brink of their celebrated 1964 World Tour, which sparked a mania and fandom so colossal that the *Spectator* described it as 'hysterical'. Man-about-town and well-connected photographer Lord Christopher Thynne was invited to the film set for only two days. The son of the 6<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Bath, Thynne had been sacked as controller of the family seat in Longleat and was pursuing a more bohemian lifestyle. Thynne was able to capture the charismatic band in candid moments between their worldwide tours that brought on the hysteria and Beatlemania the press described.

One of the most influential music films ever made, *A Hard Day's Night* portrayed 36 hours of the band's life as they prepared for a television performance. Thynne's effortless shots of the

'famous four' capture an even closer insight into their lives, through the lens of a casual guest who was seeking inspiration.

Tabitha Philpott-Kent, Gallery Director, comments, It's an amazing opportunity to see a rare collection of important, never-seen-before images.

These unearthed images will be on sale for £400-£650 for a limited period of time only. As we approach the festive season, these photographic prints will delight Beatles fans across the world and provide a brilliant investment for collectors of art, photography and music memorabilia.

## Shapero Modern Gallery

Shapero Modern is a Mayfair-based contemporary and modern art gallery, specialising in limited edition prints and works on paper. A rare and interesting stock is for sale at the Mayfair gallery, with five curated exhibitions per year, focusing on topical themes from the collection.

## Notes to Editors

Title	The Beatles
Exhibition Dates	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2021- Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Location	Shapero Modern, 41-43 Maddox Street, London, W1S 2PD <a href="mailto:modern@shapero.com">modern@shapero.com</a>   +44(0) 20 3693 2197
Opening Hours	Monday to Friday: 10am-6pm; Saturday: 11am-5pm
Admission	Free
Getting there	Located in the heart of Mayfair, the closest underground station is Oxford Circus (on the Central, Victoria and Bakerloo lines). The nearest rail station is Charing Cross.
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