

**CMC** Exhibits



# CIVIC ARCHITECTURE

The Panoramic Photography of Thomas R. Schiff

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“The panoramic photographs of Thomas R. Schiff seduce with their abstraction and, at the same time, demonstrate how photography can service our understanding of architecture.”

—Richard Guy Wilson,  
Commonwealth Professor and Chair,  
Department of Architectural History,  
University of Virginia



Beauty. Enlightenment. Democracy. Power. The first lawmakers in the early United States had all these ideals and more in mind when they created the first civic buildings of our fledgling government. Over the centuries, architects of capitol, courthouses, and even libraries have sought to both project confidence in the democratic process and invite citizens to participate. In commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, explore a new exhibition that celebrates and studies the U.S.'s long tradition of civic architecture through sweeping panoramic photographs.



From small county courthouses to the U.S. Capitol, consider how we express our highest ideals in the structures of our buildings. See how our civic architecture has changed over two centuries – from exalted temples to organic forms – and contemplate how these centers of government have sought to rise above or blend in with their surrounding landscapes. Be immersed in unique panoramic photographs that welcome you into civic centers across the United States, and consider what ideals you might express in the built form.



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### About The Photographer

Thomas R. Schiff is one of the United States' outstanding architectural photographers. He has produced over a dozen books featuring many of America's significant landmarks and architects – from I. M. Pei and Zaha Hadid, to Philip Johnson and Moshe Safdie. Schiff's unique panoramic camera captures building interiors in a full 360° sweep, immersing viewers in spectacular vistas and allowing them to see architecture from new angles and perspectives.



## Details

**Size**  
800-1000 Sq. Ft.; Approximately  
180 Linear Ft.

**Rental Fee**  
\$7500 for 8-week booking  
Excludes in-bound shipping  
cost, on-site installation  
supervision

**Tour Availability**  
Beginning November 2025

### Traveling Exhibition Includes:

- Approximately 40 framed prints, ranging in size from 28" x 8" to 4'-6" x 1'-3 3/4"
- Interpretive text panels and labels
- Exhibition press kit with digital images
- Resources and programming suggestions
- Hardcover copy of companion publication *Civic Architecture Across America: Extraordinary Views*



## Photo Captions

### Front, Top to Bottom:

United States Capitol Building, Washington, D.C., 2005  
Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 2002

### Center, Left to Right:

Colorado State Capitol, Denver Co, 2013  
Virginia State Capitol Rotunda, Richmond, VA, 2008  
Brumidi Corridor, D.C. Capitol, 2005  
Utah State Capitol, Salt Lake City, UT, 2012  
State Capitol House Chamber, Harrisburg, PA, 2010  
State Capitol Rotunda, Lincoln, NE, 2011

### Back, Top to Bottom:

Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., 2003  
Austin City Hall, Austin, TX, 2007  
City Hall Staircase, Cincinnati, OH, 2006