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September 2017 Press Release

Last Call: Photography by Gene Smirnov

EVENTS:

First Friday Opening Reception: Saturday, September 8, 6-10pm

Closing Reception: Saturday September 30, 1-5pm

Open Hours: Saturdays 1-5pm

The neighborhood bar means different things to different people. For some it's entertainment, or the center of their social scene; for others it's a chance to blow off steam after a long day. Bar culture is strong in this city and even the most forceful waves of gentrification can't overtake the places so near and dear to Philly locals. Each place has grown to be a unique refuge for thirsty patrons who seek comfort in a favorite beverage and a warm conversation. Photographer Gene Smirnov's work captures the resilience and character of these notorious drinking spots and their devoted dwellers.

Gene is a Philadelphia based photographer, whose background is rooted in the graphic design world. Largely self-taught, his specialty is editorial portraiture, in which he tends to blend in narrative driven elements from photo journalism and still life as well. *Last Call* is a vignette from an ongoing series about neighborhood bars in the Philadelphia area.

The opening reception is sponsored by Founders Brewing Company (foundersbrewing.com). Following the show, enjoy live music, food and beverages at Heritage (heritage.life), located next door to Gravy and present the show postcard for 10% off of your tab.

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For more info please contact Gravy at gravy.photo@gmail.com or call 267.825.7071. Gravy Studio & Gallery is a collaborative photography workspace and gallery located near the Frankford Arts Corridor. Our goal is to serve as a multi-functional space that promotes the work of local photographers. Opening receptions are held on the First Friday of every month and additional open hours vary.