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N.J. celebrities are focus of photo exhibit at Newark Museum

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If you're from New Jersey, you could be anywhere in the world — or Wheeling, or Gotham, or Gotham, or Gotham — and you still get the same question about your home state. "What state?"

That's the belief of Fort Lee native-celebrity photographer Timothy White and the narrator of his New Jersey exhibition featuring photographs of iconic state symbols in "What Exit: The Spirit of New Jersey?"

All of these featured are members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, including Jon Bon Jovi, Whitney Houston, Bob Newhart and Marla Maples — and a nod to White's own induction into the hall of fame later this month.

"What Exit?" is about the strength of the people, the stories of our characters. White is one of the largest names in photography, and this exhibit showcases his work in New Jersey, as well as his collaborative approach to photography for Rolling Stone, Family Ty, ESPN Magazine and television promotions images and "Get It Right" ads featuring athletes and entertainers.

The photographs are on view at the Newark Museum of Art through October, as part of "What Exit: The Spirit of New Jersey?"

In addition to White, the exhibit features works by Gary Winogrand, Erich Lessing, Edward Hopper, Roy DeCarava, Joel Meyerowitz, and Edward Hopper, as well as Martha Stewart, Hank Ketcham, and Martha Stewart, as well as Martha Stewart, and Martha Stewart, and Martha Stewart.

"What Exit?" is the red carpet ceremony at Hollywood's Panoramic Theatre on Oct. 20, where White will be honored with an award for his contributions to New Jersey photography. The event will be followed by a reception.

White hopes to bring his 100-year-old mother, who still lives in the Garden State, to the event. "I'm going to take the train every weekend and be with my family," he said. "I'm going to bring my 100-year-old mother, who still lives in the Garden State, to the event."

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What Exit? The Spirit of New Jersey: Photographs by Timothy White

Where: Newark Museum

When: Through Jan. 1, Open Wednesdays through Sundays, noon to 5 p.m.

Closed major holidays.

Admission: $10. For more information, visit www.newarkmuseum.org.