



# THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY LTD.

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Eliot Porter,  
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Dear Eliot Porter,

Although you may not have heard of us I am presuming on the mutual friendship with Sheila Turner/Seed to ask for your help. This gallery, a non-profit organisation, is now four years old and although we are breaking even financially we are still handicapped by an overdraft that has been outstandince since we opened.

Sotheby's the art auctioneers have held very successful sales of early photographs over the past few years and have agreed to lend us their rooms and give us their services entirely free for an auction of modern photographic prints. So, we are asking for one print from the world's leading living photographers and we promise that this is strictly a once-for-all request - not something that will ever be repeated.

I hope very much that you will feel able to make us a donation of one of your beautiful landscapes - the choice is of course up to you. The print should be signed on the border or mount whichever you prefer and we will do any necessary matting or framing here.

We will be publishing a catalogue in the usual Sotheby format and this will be sent to all the leading collectors and people seriously interested in helping our work. As this has to go to press in January, I need to know soon what your contribution will be - the actual print should arrive by the beginning of February.

The sale will take place on the evening of March 4 at Sotheby's Belgravia and I hope very much that you will feel the gallery is worth supporting in this way and let me know as soon as possible that you can help with your very valuable donation.

*Yours sincerely  
Sue Davies*

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