You are cordially invited to attend the exhibition opening and meet curator Renée Mussai on September 22nd at 7pm.

The Sonja Haynes Stone Center in partnership with Autograph ABP presents a retrospective of James Barnor’s street and studio photographs, spanning Ghana and London from the late 1940s to early 1970s. James Barnor’s career covers a remarkable period in history, bridging continents and photographic genres to create a transatlantic narrative marked by his passionate interest in people and cultures.

Through the medium of portraiture, Barnor’s photographs represent societies in transition: Ghana moving towards its independence and London becoming a cosmopolitan, multicultural metropolis. The exhibition showcases a range of street and studio photographs — modern and vintage — with elaborate backdrops, fashion portraits in glorious colour, as well as social documentary features, many commissioned for pioneering South African magazine Drum during the ‘swinging 60s’ in London.

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This exhibition and all events associated with it are free and open to the public. The Stone Center is ADA compliant. Paid Visitor Parking is available in the Bell Tower Deck behind the Stone Center after 5pm. Call for directions to paid visitor parking before 5 pm.

*Cover image: James Barnor, Drum cover girl Marie Hallowi, Rochester, Kent, 1966. Courtesy Autograph ABP*