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'Timeless light': Glacier photo collection unveiled

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Glacier National Park Airport's interior has taken on a distinctive new look with 100 striking images of Glacier National Park that will be on display throughout the park's centennial year.

Photographer Bret Bouda's "Timeless Light — the Centennial Image Collection of Glacier National Park" was unveiled this week by the Glacier National Park Fund, the park's lead nonprofit fundraising partner.

The goal of the exhibit is to inspire people to visit the park, and to serve as a fundraiser for centennial events, programs and projects that will be carried out in recognition of the park's 2010 centennial.

Half the proceeds from the sale of the photo collection will be donated by Bouda to the Glacier National Park Fund. "Sponsors" who purchase 62 panoramas and seven collages will have their names mounted on the prints at the airport throughout 2010.

"And after that you get to take it home," said Jane Ratzlaff, the fund's executive director, at a press conference in the airport this week.

"Our goal is to raise \$250,000 over the next five months," Ratzlaff said, adding that the exhibit fundraiser will be the catalyst for a larger, \$3 million Centennial fundraising campaign.

"I want to give back" to the park, said Bouda, a Czechoslovakian native who moved to the United States in 1995 and to the Flathead Valley in 2005. Since then, he said, his work has been entirely focused on Glacier Park.

Most of Bouda's Timeless Light collection are on display in the airport's upper terminal. Because they are beyond security, they will be seen by many air travelers who have not seen the park.

And Bouda wants to introduce them to Glacier Park. He recalls knowing about Glacier and having particular perceptions of the park — glaciers and snow and ice — long before seeing it in person.

"I was amazed that my perceptions about Glacier National Park were totally different from what I saw," he said. Most of the images in the Timeless Light collection were taken through 2007 and 2008.

Thirty images, including a series of large wall prints, are not part of the fundraiser but are on display throughout the airport. The Glacier National Park Fund will hold an open house at the airport on Aug. 26 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The airport will be closed for air traffic that day because of runway construction work, but the airport will be temporarily open to the public, with parking validation and refreshments offered.



Glacier Park Centennial Coordinator Kass Hardy, left, and Jane Ratzlaff, executive director of the Glacier National Park Fund, stand in front of displayed photos that are part of the "Timeless Light The Centennial Image Collection of Glacier National Park" display at Glacier Park International Airport. Photo courtesy of Kelly Nelson

The panoramas are available in the \$1,000 to \$1,300 range, while the Centennial Collages are \$2,816. They can be viewed online at:

<http://www.GlacierNationalParkFund.org>

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