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The Butterfly Boy, and 50 years of other brilliant Brooklynites – in pictures

After witnessing the second world war's brutality as a GI, Harlem-born photographer Jerome Liebling returned to New York and captured the humanity of the city's chaotic streets. He found courage in the faces of children: 'Sometimes there was a hint of defeat,' he said, 'but more often there was brilliance.' One child, Butterfly Boy, with his overcoat flaring like a superhero's cape, became a poignant billboard icon.

• <u>Jerome Liebling: Brooklyn and Other Boroughs, 1946-1996</u> is at Steven Kasher Gallery, New York, until 6 June



Beauty Shop Brooklyn, New York City, 1947





Butterfly Boy New York City, 1949



Coney Island New York City, 1973





Brighton Beach Brooklyn, New York, 1976



Charlotte Street South Bronx, New York City, 1977





Brighton Beach Under El Brooklyn, NY, 1979



Lunch Counter Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, NY, 1981





Woman and Hand Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, NY, 1984



Blonde Woman at Store Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, NY, 1985





Woman with Scarf Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, New York, 1985



Women Buying Peaches Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, 1995





Young Russian Immigrant Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, NY, 1996