

Midland photographer focuses on 40 years of capitalism for New York exhibition

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He's the Stourbridge-raised photographer who is set to wow New York with a solo exhibition of his most stunning pictures.



Brian Griffin, 67, will showcase 75 evocative images at the world-famous Steven Kasher Gallery later this month.

The Capitalist Realism exhibition features powerful photos taken during the Thatcher era, as well as stark scenes of the West Midlands industrial landscape.

Mr Griffin also has a long list of celebrity portraits on his resume, including Paul McCartney, Iggy Pop, and Queen's Brian May. He

called the New York show his "big break into the United States after years of dedication and hard work".

Mr Griffin was born at Birmingham Children's Hospital in 1948 and grew up in Lye, just outside of Stourbridge, attending school in Halesowen. He later quit a steady job to train as a photographer and a picture from 1974 called Rush Hour London Bridge set him on his way to fame and fortune.

Mr Griffin said "Growing up in the Black Country gave me a good work ethic which has enabled me to be driven to reach the top of my profession. "The city has influenced me tremendously. The industrial side of the area influenced the look of my work, especially my early photography, including the factories, the smoke and the workers."