

eric firestone gallery



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The Eric Firestone Loft in New York City will present "Henry Chalfant: 1980," an exhibition that explores in photographs a year in the city's history, from next Thursday through Jan. 21. A reception will take place next Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m.

The New York Police Department deemed the year 1980 the worst year of crime in the city's history. An 11-day subway strike gave graffiti artists uninterrupted access to subway cars, and subway art flourished in tandem with hip-hop culture.

The exhibition will include 150 of Mr. Chalfant's photographs of graffiti-covered subway cars, many of which have never before been exhibited. His work has been shown internationally, and his Grand Street studio became a hub of activity for subway writers from across the five boroughs.

The Eric Firestone Loft is at 4 Great Jones Street.