

Serena Morton II

GEORGE RODGER

THE NUBA AND LATUKA, SUDAN, 1948 – 1949



George Rodger, *Portrait of a Warrior Dressed For Ceremony*, Kordofan, Southern Sudan 1948

One of the four co-founders of Magnum, George Rodger's colour Nuba and Latuka series have not previously been exhibited, only having recently been discovered and subsequently published in the National Geographic

Working closely with the George Rodger estate, Serena Morton II presents exclusive editions of this landmark colour work for the first time

This exhibition and an accompanying Prestel book showcasing Rodger's colour series come in the year of Magnum's 70th anniversary

12th MAY – 23rd JUNE 2017

PRIVATE VIEW – 11th MAY 2017 - 6-9pm

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Wrestlers of the Korongo Nuba wait to take part in a match. Kordofan, Southern Sudan 1949

In 1948, the photographer and co-founder of Magnum Photos, George Rodger, learned of the Nuba and Latuka tribes in the Kordofan region of the Sudan. Remarkably, the Sudanese government granted him permission to photograph the people, who lived as their ancestors had done for centuries before them.

Rodger's exquisite, softly coloured Kodachrome and Ekatchome photographs offer a glimpse into another world, now lost to time.

The black and white photographs of the same subjects, shot at the same time, were collected and published in the landmark *Village of the Nuba* book in 1955, with images from the series quickly becoming recognised as classics. Several of these black and white photographs are included in the Serena Morton exhibiton.



Wrestlers of the Kao-Nyaro. Kordofan, Southern Sudan 1949

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Champion of the Korongo Nuba wrestlers. Kordofan, Southern Sudan 1949

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It seems appropriate that in Magnum Photos' seventieth year, the 'lost' colour photographs of George should be published, celebrating this seminal work on the Nuba and Latuka peoples.

Chris Steele-Perkins, Magnum Photo

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