

# ACE / FRANCISCO

## GALLERY

**California Skateboarding Photography Great, J. Grant Brittain, Comes to Athens from San Diego with an Opening at ACE / FRANCISCO Gallery on September 28 and an Artist's Talk and Book Signing at ATHICA@Ciné Gallery on September 30**

ATHENS, GA: August 16, 2023  
*For Immediate Release*

ACE / FRANCISCO Gallery is pleased to present **'80s Skateboarding Photography by J. Grant Brittain** with an opening reception at ACE / FRANCISCO on Thursday, September 28 from 6PM to 9PM and refreshments by Big City Bread Cafe; this show will be on view at the gallery through 2023. On Saturday, September 30, join us at ATHICA@Ciné Gallery to view additional work by Brittain, hear his artist's talk, and purchase his book, **PUSH**, for signing thanks to Avid Bookshop from 6PM to 8PM at Ciné; this portion of the show will be on view at Ciné from September 1 through October 25. Photographer J. Grant Brittain will be present for both events.

*"In the '70s and '80s, J. Grant Brittain captured skateboarding's rise as a global sensation, becoming one of the most influential skate photographers of all time."* – San Diego Magazine

San Diego-based Brittain is best known for his 60-plus covers of *Transworld Skateboarding Magazine* and countless images of the skate greats including Tony Hawk, Mark "The Gonz" Gonzales, Tommy Guerrero, Natas Kaupas, Steve Caballero, Lance Mountain, Rodney Mullen, the infamous Bones Brigade, and many more. Brittain's photographs inspired generations of young people to pick up a camera, or a skateboard— or flat out move to California. His book, **PUSH**, recently published by Gingko Press, compiles many of these iconic images. Beth and Jason Thrasher are literally stoked that he has agreed to come to Athens to show this incredible work in Athens.

These events are made possible by ACE / FRANCISCO Gallery in collaboration with ATHICA@Ciné Gallery, with additional support from OPUS Footwear, Willson Center for Humanities & Arts, Avid Bookshop, the Friedlander Family, the O'Neil Family, Ciné, and Big City Bread Cafe. A portion of proceeds from the sale of a limited-edition, signed print, available on opening night-- and at a reduced price at [acefranciscogallery.com](http://acefranciscogallery.com) in advance of the opening-- will benefit the Concrete Jungle Foundation.

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### **Contact Information:**

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*Opening Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 6PM-9PM; on view through 2023*  
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#### **ATHICA@Ciné Gallery**

*Artist's Talk and Book Signing on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 6PM-8PM; on view September 1 - October 25*  
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