

# From Rhinebeck to Times Square, a photographer's life

Trailer for "Beyond Iconic: Photographer Dennis Stock," a documentary made by High Falls filmmaker Hanna Sawka about the late Woodstock photographer Dennis Stock. Courtesy

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*Photographer Dennis Stock lived in Woodstock, was an instructor at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck and took the iconic photograph of actor James Dean walking through a rain-soaked Times Square.*



(Photo: Courtesy/Starz Denver Film Festival.)

Photography, film, music and the Hudson Valley artistic community's regional reach will all be showcased Sunday when an [Ulster County](#) filmmaker screens a documentary about a photographer known for an iconic image.

The Downing Film Center in Newburgh on Sunday will host a screening of, "Beyond Iconic: Photographer Dennis Stock." Stock, a photographer who lived in [Woodstock](#) and died in 2010, was an instructor at the [Omega Institute](#) in Rhinebeck and took the iconic photograph of actor [James Dean](#) walking through a rain-soaked [Times Square](#).

Stock worked as a photographer for decades, capturing Hollywood, jazz musicians and much more. According to Magnum Photos, the co-operative Stock joined in 1951, the photographer, "managed to evoke the spirit of America through his memorable and iconic portraits of Hollywood stars, most notably James Dean."

"Beyond Iconic: Photographer Dennis Stock," which was released in 2011, was made by filmmaker Hanna Sawka, 39, who lives in High Falls, Ulster County. Sawka will host a question-and-answer session after the screening. Then, Ulster County vocalist Teri Roiger and bass player John Menegon — the duo composed the music for Sawka's film — will be joined by guitarist Mark Dziuba and drummer Dave Berger for a jazz performance at the Wherehouse in Newburgh. Dziuba is the director of Jazz Studies at SUNY New Paltz.

Sunday's event shows how different artistic disciplines can complement each other, and it underscores how the links that bind Hudson Valley artists together often cross county lines.

According a plot summary on [www.imdb.com](#), "This documentary introduces us to one of the most influential chroniclers of the late 20th century, in his own words and through hundreds of his famous photographs. More than a mere biographic documentary, 'Beyond Iconic' also brings us into Dennis Stock's classroom at the Omega Institute, where he taught photography workshops before his recent death..."

And if that's not enough to stir your interest, then consider the fact that "Beyond Iconic" was used for research by the team making "Life," a film starring actor Robert Pattinson, of "Twilight" fame, as Stock. "Life," according to [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com), is set for release in 2015.

The screening of "Beyond Iconic: Photographer Dennis Stock" is set for 1 p.m. Sunday at the Downing Film Center, 19 Front St., Newburgh. Admission is \$10; \$9 for members. Call 845-561-3686 or visit [www.downingfilmcenter.com](http://www.downingfilmcenter.com) for information. Admission for the live music is free. The Warehouse is at 119 Liberty St., Newburgh. Call 845-561-7240 for information.

Visit [www.poughkeepsiejournal.com](http://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com) to watch the trailer for "Beyond Iconic: Photographer Dennis Stock"

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