

# Occupy Wall Street Photos

*The Archive in Public*

## 2012

### Occupy Wall Street - First Anniversary

#### Solo exhibition

Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, California

September 18, 2012

Less than a year after Petrunoff began documenting Occupy encampments across the United States, this exhibition marked the first public presentation of the project.

Because of limited space and resources, the installation embraced the do-it-yourself ethos of Occupy. Photographs were mounted on hand-cut cardboard and secured with duct tape, packing tape, and string - the same inexpensive materials used for signs, banners, and shelters in the camps. Rather than hanging on pristine gallery walls, the images transformed the venue into an extension of the encampments.

Visitors moved among the photographs as if walking through tents, pathways, and assemblies. The accompanying album documents the build-up, hanging process, and final installation. Most of those behind-the-scenes photographs were made with an iPhone 4 or other mobile phones of the period; their grain, low resolution, and digital noise preserve the real-time character of the event.

Exhibition album: [flickr.com/photos/occupywallstreetphotos/albums/72177720331459844/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/occupywallstreetphotos/albums/72177720331459844/)

## 2026

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#### ONE Gallery

Sofia, Bulgaria

September 1-15, 2026

The Sofia exhibition presents the archive through the perspective of fifteen years. It brings together the chronology of the camps, handmade signs, volunteers, daily life, and the journey of the photographs themselves.

The exhibition also completes a personal circle. Petrunoff left Bulgaria in 1985 in search of freedom; decades later, he found himself documenting Americans exercising the freedoms of peaceful assembly and public expression in their own streets and public squares.

Gallery website: [onegallery.eu](https://onegallery.eu)