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2001 WHNPA Lifetime Achievement Award: Still

Arnie Sachs

Arnie Sachs, 72, has been a member of the WHNPA for 51 years, during which he served as secretary, chairman of the photo contest book and member of the Eyes of History Gala committee. In his career, Sachs has covered 11 presidents from Harry S. Truman to George W. Bush.

Sachs is a highly respected photographer who has always worked on the cutting-edge of photojournalism technology. In the early 1960s he pioneered direct photo transmission via satellite and later co-founded Consolidated News Pictures. Among his contributions to photojournalism are the use of 35mm cameras in wire service coverage. He was the first to cover a presidential press conference in 35mm when President Eisenhower announced his intent to run for a second term.

He covered the inauguration of President George W. Bush, making it the 13th presidential inaugural he has photographed. Among his awards are numerous first prizes in the WHNPA Eyes of History, the American Newspaper Guild Front Page Awards and the Hearst National Photo Contest.