

TONY GONZALEZ



Down the New Jersey Shore

Tony Gonzalez in Solo Exhibition at The Gallery at Kinderhook Group

SALISBURY, CT:

Down the Shore, a captivating solo exhibition of photographs by Tony Gonzalez will be on view at The Gallery at Kinderhook Group in Salisbury, CT from March 20th through April 30th, 2009. There will be a cocktail reception with the artist on Saturday, April 11th from 4 - 6pm, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Down the Shore is a series of over twenty black and white and color photographs documenting the people who flock to the beaches, boardwalks and arcades in the towns along the New Jersey shore, not far from where the artist grew up. As Tony Gonzalez explains, “I returned again and again to these fertile grounds to explore the coexistence between the human figures set within both a natural and manmade environment. To me, these places promise an endless diversion from everyday existence, a stage on which people play out specific rituals, as when boy meets girl, or when boys will be boys (and girls will be girls)...”

While the artist pays homage to the documentary traditions of street photography, this work is so charged with intimacy that it is more akin to sensuous poems of uninhibited joy and yearning. Indeed, Gonzalez is clearly intrigued with intimate

moments, and adeptly captures the expressive gestures and revelations of the human form, in all its beauty and mystery. One can feel the sensual atmosphere too; the warm light of the afternoon sun in *Three Girls*, the sounds of the surf muffling the banter of bathers along the shore in *Girl with a Striped Bikini*, or the cool cleansing spray of a shower washing away the brine of the sea in *Boys at Shower*. The series seems to celebrate the exhilaration of innocence while capturing casual poses and stares that are at once flirtatious and utterly natural. And the liberating angles hold our attention as we're drawn into these evocative photographs, and our own memories of long summer days at the shore.

Tony Gonzalez divides his time between Hudson, NY and New York City. He exhibits his work nationally, and is the recipient of numerous awards, grants and fellowships. Mr. Gonzalez also teaches and lectures on photography, and is an expert on alternative processes, which he often employs in the service of his painterly photographs. Gonzalez graduated with a BFA from the Cooper Union School of Art, and received his MFA from Yale University. His work is widely collected and is included in a number of permanent collections, including the Center for Photography, Woodstock, NY; Numina Gallery, Princeton, NJ; the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Trenton, NJ; and En Foco, Inc., Bronx, NY.

The Gallery at Kinderhook Group is located at 19 Main Street in the charming town of Salisbury, in Litchfield County, CT. For hours and information, please contact The Gallery at Kinderhook Group in Salisbury, at 860-435-0700. Or you may visit the exhibition online at: www.tesfineart.com

THE GALLERY
at Kinderhook Group

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