

THEODORE:ART

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Oliver Wasow

Selected Works 1983 - 2017



March 2 - April 22, 2018

RECEPTION Friday, March 2, 6-9 PM

BOOK SIGNING Friday, April 5, 6-9 pm

Gallery hours Friday 1-8 PM, Saturday-Sunday 1-6 pm

Opening March 2nd. Theodore:Art will present a survey exhibition of photographer Oliver Wasow's work, spanning the years 1983 to 2018.

Over the past 35 years Wasow's work has been engaged with a variety of concerns central to contemporary photographic discourse. Many of the issues addressed in his pre-digital work of the 1980s - issues of photographic veracity, the cultural production of spectacle, post-production practice, and questions of authorship and ownership - anticipated the seismic shifts brought on by the digital revolution today.

However, while engaging with these critical issues, Wasow's work has always been equally concerned with things more mysterious and personal. His images, influenced by popular culture, fine art and vernacular photography alike, employ a personal and compelling iconography that is often run through the genres of landscape, still life and portraiture. Playing off of the familiar and filtering it through the unsettling and seductive world of special effects, Wasow's work suggests a world defined by the twin emotions of fear and desire. His is a world made up of places and things we've seen before, but never in quite this way.

In conjunction with the exhibition, Wasow will be releasing a new book titled "Friends, Enemies and Strangers". The book contains a wide selection of images both made and found by Wasow, and includes text and essays by the writer Rabih Allenmedine and the artist Matthew Weinstein; it will be published by Saint Lucy Press. There will be a book launch party and signing at Theodore:Art, Brooklyn, towards the end of the exhibition, on the evening of April 6th.

Wasow will also set up a portrait studio in the gallery on two Sundays during the exhibition. Appointments can be made for a portrait sitting by contacting Stephanie Theodore at 212 966 4324 or theodoreart@gmail.com.