John Divola

As Far As I Could Get

Encompassing four decades of work in the field of photography, this publication examines the work of John Divola, one of the most admired photographers working today. Those interested in contemporary photography will welcome this volume exploring ten major series by John Divola. From Vandalism, his iconic look at Southern California in the 1970s, through his most recent series, the Theodore Street project, this collection of beautifully-reproduced images articulates how Divola moves between concept, medium, and technique. Essays by the accompanying exhibitions’ curators explore themes such as existentialism, California and photography in the 1970s, and natural and built environments. Divola’s most recent project is discussed in an interview between the artist and Simon Baker.

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Essays by Britt Salvesen, Kathleen Stewart Howe, and Karen Sinsheimer, with a conversation between John Divola and Simon Baker.

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Britt Salvesen joined the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) in 2009 as curator and head of the Wallis Annenberg Photography Department and the Prints and Drawings Department. Previously, she was director and chief curator at the Center for Creative Photography, University of Arizona. Recent exhibitions have focused on German Expressionist cinema, Robert Mapplethorpe, and Ed Ruscha.

Kathleen Stewart Howe joined Pomona College in 2004 as the Sarah Rempel and Herbert S. Rempel ’23 Director of the Pomona College Art Museum and Professor of Art History. Previously, she served as Associate Director and Curator of Prints and Photographs at the University of New Mexico Art Museum. At Pomona College she’s curated exhibitions featuring contemporary artists across media as well as exhibitions drawn from the permanent collection.

Karen Sinsheimer has served as Curator of Photography at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art for the past twenty years. During that time, she has organized eighteen exhibitions with publications that have traveled to more than forty venues, both national and international.

Simon Baker is Curator of Photography and International Art, Tate, where he has curated exhibitions including: Exposed: Voyeurism, Surveillance and the Camera (2010); Taryn Simon: A Living Man Declared Dead and Other Chapters (2011); and William Klein + Daido Moriyama (2012). Recent publications include Chris Shaw: Before and After Night Porter, Kehrer: Heidelberg (2012).

The exhibition John Divola: As Far As I Could Get is being shown concurrently at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and Pomona College Art Museum.