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For Immediate Release:

Winners of Soho Photo's 16th Annual National Photography Competition (Juror: Lyle Rexer)



Still Photography Series © David Todd
First Prize

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Chemical Chimera: Tintypes by Melissa Cacciola
(guest exhibitor)

July 5 - August 6, 2011

Opening Reception: Thursday, July 7, 6-8 pm

Gallery Hours: Wednesday thru Sunday, 1-6 PM, and by appointment

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Soho Photo Gallery is pleased to announce that its July exhibition will feature the top three winners of the gallery's **16th annual juried National Photography Competition**. The show's distinguished juror, **Lyle Rexer** who is a columnist for *Photograph* magazine, a teacher at the School of Visual Arts, and a well-known curator, selected these photographs, as well as 34 other images, to be in this year's exhibition. In previous years, this competition has drawn entries from all over the United States and 2011 was no exception. 305 photographers located from

Massachusetts to Alaska submitted more than 2,000 photographs. The juror ultimately chose work from 26 photographers to be in July's exhibition.

After making his selections, Lyle Rexer said:

...This year's entries demonstrated the axiom that anyone can take at least one good picture. I have rather valued courage, determination and a willingness to push visual conventions in order to fashion a body of work. Perhaps most important, I have sought in all my selections images we have not seen before, work that is personal, occasionally quirky, and above all imaginative....

The top three National Competition winners are:

First Place: David Todd: "Still Photography Series," Chappaqua, NY

Second Place: Merrilee Luke-Ebbeler: "Ohio Series," Cincinnati, OH

Third Place: Corinne Schulze: "Morphogenesis Series," Brooklyn, NY

There were 10 Honorable Mentions.



Iris, Tintype © 2011 Melissa Cacciola

Chemical Chimera: Tintypes by **Melissa Cacciola**, guest exhibitor

Soho Photo is pleased to present the work of Melissa Cacciola who is July's guest exhibitor. Primarily self-taught, Cacciola explores a range of 19th century media, from wet-plate collodion to Van Dyke brown. Through portraiture, her work offers an archaeological flashback, a way of seeing ourselves as we might have appeared in a pre-digital age. In this portfolio, *Chemical Chimera*, 22 tintype portraits of New York artists, musicians, writers, and dancers are offered as a kind of confessional before the camera. Original, unreplicated, and solitary, these images rebel against the notion of art in the age of electronic reproduction.

Spotlight Exhibition: Manuel Peraza, "Clouds"

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Soho Photo Gallery has been showcasing a broad spectrum of imagery by emerging and veteran photographers since 1971. The Gallery is in New York's historic TriBeCa district, three blocks south of Canal Street between West Broadway and Sixth Avenue. Subways: #1 to Franklin Street or the A, C, E, W, N, R or #6 to Canal Street.