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COMING IN JULY

**Winners Of Soho Photo's 13th Annual
National Photography Competition,
Charles H. Traub, juror**



First Prize

"Juxtaposition Triptych Series #5" © Emily Ching-Ping Wang

July 1 – August 9, 2008

Opening Reception: Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Hours: Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 1-6 p.m., and by appointment

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New York, N.Y. – Soho Photo Gallery is pleased to announce that its July exhibition will feature the winners of the Gallery's 13th annual juried National Photography Competition plus entries from 25 other photographers that juror Charles H. Traub, chairperson of the MFA Photography, Video and Related Media program of the School of Visual Arts in New York City, selected to be in the show. In addition, there will be four spotlight shows by Gallery members and a members' group show, "Images of Summer."

The top three National Competition winners are:

- First prize: Emily Ching-Ping Wang, San Francisco, CA
Title – "Juxtaposition Triptych Series #5"

- Second prize: Sarah Belleau, Minneapolis, MN
Title--“Job”
- Third prize: Brian Shumway, New York, NY
Title – “Jaen Sleeping, Managua, Nicaragua”

After judging the competition, Charles H. Traub said:

Soho Photo Gallery has a long and venerable tradition of showing creative photography of those who otherwise would not have as readily an opportunity to exhibit in a New York gallery. This annual juried exhibition gives anyone and everyone who is so inclined the opportunity to be reviewed for possible inclusion.... It is the very democracy of this opportunity that presents the challenge to the judge.

Everything is there: trick and experimental photography, the stage and the candid, sexy nudes, and distorted portraits, degraded interiors and exuberant landscapes. What are the criteria? Can there be any, really? Only that which this judge feels represents, in the submission of five images, a kind of honesty of intention. The desire by the photographer to create a connected group of pictures that has something to say in the collection bigger than that of any individual represented picture. Craft and presentation are measured. Originality is truly rare but the possibility of it gleams out of numerous sets of work.

So what does the exhibition say? It tells the audience a lot about the diversity of the creative photographic pursuit. The general level of submissions goes up every year. Photography is a hot art form. We do find a revealing commentary here on the many ideas, tropes, and opportunities the medium challenges us with at this moment in time.

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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.