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Robert Klein Gallery and Ars Libri To Exhibit Nostalgic Photographs of Provincial Japan



HIROSHI MASAKI

July 12 -August 30 @ Ars Libri

Artist's Reception July 12, 5:30 – 7:30 PM Open

House July 14, 12 – 2 PM

HIROSHI MASAKI, *Motoyuigi, Japan* (from the series *Uwajima*,

BOSTON, MA – Japan in black and white. Bookdealer and photographer Hiroshi Masaki returns to his hometown of Uwajima, Japan, to study the place and, in his words, find “the idealized, provincial town that exists universally in the hearts of all Japanese people.” Ars Libri and the Robert Klein Gallery are proud to present an exhibition of Masaki’s photographs this summer at Ars Libri (500 Harrison Avenue). The show will open on Friday, July 12, and run through August 30.

In the foreword of Masaki's 2012 monograph *Uwajima: A Private Landscape*, Daido Moriyama writes: “In this series of photographs of a small town, there is an almost strange lack of people present, the only humans to appear being a few children dotted faintly in the far corner of a school yard...Only the houses composed of unadorned light and shadow, and the bare, unpretentious streets are left in this coalescence of memories.”

The Ars Libri exhibition *Hiroshi Masaki* will feature a curated group of images from *Uwajima: A Private Landscape*. Uwajima’s empty streets and shuttered windows are an unexpected foil to American beach towns in the off season, deserted but not uninhabited. In the face of unfamiliar scenery, the viewer may seek out familiar sentimentalities.

A reception with the artist will take place on Friday, July 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Ars Libri. A special Open House at Ars Libri will coincide with the SoWa Open Market on Sunday, July 14, from 12 to 2 PM. Both events are free and open to the public; light refreshments will be served.

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The Robert Klein Gallery maintains an extensive and ever-changing inventory of 19th century, 20th century, and contemporary photographs. Participating in international art fairs such as Paris Photo, The Armory Show – Modern, and The AIPAD Photography Show in New York, the Robert Klein Gallery provides its contemporary artists with international exposure while exhibiting works by recognized masters such as Ansel Adams, Helen Levitt, and Irving Penn. With 40 combined years of experience and a profound knowledge base, the gallery staff is committed to serving as a resource for both novice and seasoned collectors.

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