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### Robert Klein Gallery Extends Popular Exhibition of Photographs by Michael Kenna



#### MICHAEL KENNA: A DECADE IN REVIEW

Exhibition Dates: November 7 – December 22, 2012

© Michael Kenna, *Empire State Building, Study 2, New York, New York, 2006*

BOSTON, MA – The Robert Klein Gallery will extend its exhibition of photographs by Michael Kenna, previously on display at Ars Libri. *Michael Kenna: A Decade in Review* will open at Robert Klein Gallery (38 Newbury St) on November 7 and run through December 22.

“The response to Kenna’s photographs here in Boston has been tremendous,” explains gallery owner Robert Klein. “He creates images that are both intellectual and accessible, images that refresh our understanding of photography.”

For forty years, Kenna has worked with his camera to create balanced, minimalist compositions in black and white. Imbued with melancholy, Kenna’s photographs are the documents of a solitary traveler observing the world from afar. “His prints are exquisitely seductive, spiritual experiences, akin to poetry or music,” writes photographer Ruth Bernhard in Kenna’s monograph *A Twenty Year Retrospective*.

“For beginning collectors, Kenna is an affordable entry into photography,” explains gallery director Eunice Hurd. “For established collectors, Kenna is an exemplary printmaker. His work is in the collections of over eighty museums worldwide.”

*A Decade in Review* features photographs taken in Italy, Japan, France, China, South Korea, and the United States between 2000 and 2012.

At Ars Libri (500 Harrison Ave) this month, the Robert Klein Gallery will be exhibiting a selection of photographs by Wendy Burton from over 14 years of work. *Wendy Burton: Histories* begins November 2; the show will close on December 22.

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**MICHAEL KENNA** was born in 1953 in Widnes, Lancashire, in the industrial northwest of England. He studied at the Banbury School of Art and the London College of Printing, graduating with distinction in 1976. In London, Kenna undertook advertising photography while pursuing his personal work – photographing the landscape. In 1977, he moved to San Francisco, where he met Ruth Bernhard and became her assistant and photographic printmaker for eight years.

Kenna's quiet approach to the environment provides a glimpse into the provocative and subtle serenity of landscape photography. He creates dreamlike scenes by combining innovative and traditional photographic techniques. The results are soft, stark, enigmatic views of gardens, industrial sites, land, and seascapes from around the world. Kenna's contemplative photographs are, in his words, much closer to haiku poetry than full-length prose.

Kenna's photographs are in the collections of the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France; the Chicago Institute of Art, Chicago, IL; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA; the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, England; and the Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO.

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The **ROBERT KLEIN GALLERY** was established in 1980 and ranks among the world's most prestigious showrooms of fine art photography.

Robert Klein opened his Newbury Street space with early exhibitions of Diane Arbus, Annie Leibovitz, Sally Mann, and Hiroshi Sugimoto. From 1995 through 2008, Robert served as President of the Board of Directors of the Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD). During his tenure, Robert engineered the 2006 expansion of The AIPAD Photography Show New York to the Park Avenue Armory. The AIPAD Photography Show's move firmly established it as one of the leading photographic fairs in the world. Robert continues to serve on AIPAD's Board of Directors.

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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