

JOHN PAUL CAPONIGRO

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NEW WORK 2006 ANNUAL STUDIO EXHIBITION AUGUST 5-6, 2006



Exhalation IV, 2006

John Paul Caponigro presents a stunning collection of new images in his annual studio exhibit. This extremely popular event is open for one weekend only: August 5-6 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. The artist will discuss his work daily at 2 P.M.

You are invited to tour John Paul's state-of-the-art studio, participate in the animated conversations, view artist's books, posters, prints, and portfolios, and experience this spectacular new work. Special preview discounts are available for a limited time only. Private viewings may be scheduled by appointment only.

This summer's event presents two concurrent exhibitions: *Antarctica* and *Exhalation*.

ANTARCTICA PRESENTS 15 NEW IMAGES.

This work represents the fulfillment of the artist's childhood dream to visit Antarctica. In 2006 he

explored the Antarctic peninsula for ten days on a retro-fitted Russian research vessel with 4 colleagues while conducting a workshop for 50 photographers. The harsh yet stunningly beautiful environment contains many of the themes that naturally occur in Caponigro's work – water resources, wastelands, global warming, land use, and our interconnectedness to remote ecosystems. John Paul processed this body of work on location. It marks a pivotal moment in his career. He will return to Antarctica in 2007.

EXHALATION PRESENTS 15 NEW IMAGES.

Portraying nature as a living temple, *Exhalation* contains some of Caponigro's most transcendental work. Caponigro echoes Thoreau, "If 'In Wildness is the preservation of the World', then it is our preservation, for we are the world." "Contemporary dialog on conservation needs to move beyond saving it (Nature) to include saving us. It is us. We are it. We are inseparable." Symmetry in Caponigro's work has a trifold function; Rorschachs offer mirrors for self-reflection; mandalas become tools for focussed contemplation; geometries suggest a sacred living spirit courses through all of creation.

Visit johnpaulcaponigro.com and download one of two portable digital galleries in PDF form: "Classics" and "New Work 2005". *Exhalation* and *Antarctica* galleries will be posted after the exhibition. Subscribe to his free enews *Insights* to receive alerts when new content becomes available.

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