

STEPHEN WIRTZ GALLERY

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DAVE ANDERSON
Rough Beauty

Exhibition dates: November 8 – December 16, 2006

Opening reception for the artist, Thursday, November 9, 5:30-7:30 PM

Stephen Wirtz Gallery presents *Rough Beauty*, photography by Dave Anderson

In conjunction with the release of *Rough Beauty*, a first publication presenting the work of photographer Dave Anderson, Stephen Wirtz Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of the same title. *Rough Beauty* assesses the town of Vidor, Texas, a place historically recognized as a Klu Klux Klan town. While shifting away from the most obvious vein, Anderson uncovers a muted beauty: rough in appeal and rich with a certain overshadowing melancholy.

Anderson's visual narrative depicting those left over, struggling economically and socially amongst the history of Vidor current day, engages a contemporary glance into Vidor as an American town set apart from the path of most outside visitors. In Anderson's monochromatic photographs lies an artifact of understated instances that exist wholly within the daily for the residents of Vidor, and act as telltale sign of a culture worn and disbanded, deserted and branded by history.

Published by Dewi Lewis Publishing, *Rough Beauty* is the first publication by Dave Anderson and includes an introduction by Anne Wilkes Tucker, Curator of Photography at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Anderson will have concurrent solo shows of *Rough Beauty* at ClampArt in New York and Stephen Wirtz Gallery in San Francisco.

Anderson works and lives between New York City and Little Rock, Arkansas. Anderson has exhibited nationally and his work can be found in major public and private collections. *Rough Beauty* was the winner of the Santa Fe Center for Photography's 2005 Project Competition.

Stephen Wirtz Gallery is located at 49 Geary St., 3rd Fl., San Francisco, CA 94108, (415) 433-6879, Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-5:30, Saturday 10:30-5:30.

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