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SERGEY BRATKOV “SEARCHING FOR HORIZON”

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REGINA Gallery is pleased to present a new project of a famous artist Sergey Bratkov. Comprising nine pieces from the series “SEARCHING FOR HORIZON”, the exhibition describes the new time: it is the artist’s first attempt to find the horizons of a new life and a new destiny.

Sergey Bratkov was born in Kharkiv, 1960. He was among the founding members of the Fast Reaction Group along with B. Mikhailov and S. Solonsky. His first Moscow exhibition projects: “Kids”, “My Moscow”, “SEVEN” were shown at REGINA Gallery and excited great interest among the public as well as the art critics. For the past seven years Bratkov created a whole gallery of heroes of the lost epoch. Heroes who found themselves at the crossroads of history. They may look plain and castaway, but inside they are courageous and humane. And now:

“The time of heroes is over!”

(S. Bratkov)

Sergey Bratkov’s conviction is well defined in his new artworks. His panoramic photographs are really impressive as they no longer depict individuals but mass groups of people. They are wandering towards the horizon and at the same time they are covering it with their bodies. When these people get together for a rock-concert or religious processions they merge into a single unity. What are they searching for? God? Order? Horizon? Bratkov is not the only contemporary artist inspired by this topic. But it is this very fact that makes Bratkov’s personal view and his metaphysical considerations, sifted through the camera lens, more interesting. Sergey Bratkov: *People are walking from one place to the same place, “from people to the same people”. There is no aim in searching for horizon, just moving further and further, metaphysics of a stiffened space.*

Sergey Bratkov’s solo retrospective exhibition GLORY DAYS will run from June 5th till August 24th, 2008 at WINTERTHUR PHOTOMUSEUM (Switzerland), the most reputable European museum of photography.

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