

PRESS RELEASE

George Steinmetz

Desert Air

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Opening Reception: Wednesday, November 14th 6:30 – 8:30pm



George Steinmetz, Sun Bathers, Dead Sea, Israel, 2008

Anastasia Photo is pleased to present celebrated exploration photographer, George Steinmetz's third show, *Desert Air*, at the gallery. This exhibit and its accompanying book are the first comprehensive photographic collection of the world's "extreme deserts," which receive less than four inches of precipitation per year. Steinmetz has spent 15 years on this epic body of work, capturing remarkable and surreally beautiful visions of deserts, from China's great Gobi Desert to the Sahara in northern Africa to Death Valley in California.

Steinmetz's motorized paraglider, the slowest and quietest powered aircraft in the world, is particularly well suited for capturing aerial images. He has flown in over thirty countries around the world and shooting deserts has been a large part of his work. He began his unique brand of flying in 1997 in order to get aerial images of remote landscapes, many of which are only accessible by this method of flying where Steinmetz can take off and land without an airfield or government restrictions.

Steinmetz has won numerous awards for photography during his 25-year career, including two first prizes in science and technology from World Press Photo. He has also won awards and citations from Pictures of the Year, Overseas Press Club and Life Magazine's Alfred Eisenstadt Awards. He is a regular contributor to National Geographic and GEO Magazines.

Anastasia Photo specializes in Documentary Photography and Photojournalism. The gallery space also serves as a center for discussion and portfolio review. In an attempt to further connect these photographic images and the events they depict, Anastasia Photo endows each exhibition with a related philanthropic organization. For this exhibition, we have chosen to support World Resources Institute (www.wri.org).

Anastasia Photo is open Tuesday through Saturday, 11am to 7pm and Sunday 11am – 6pm. For further information or questions please contact Jennifer Samuel at 212-677-9725 or jennifer@anastasia-photo.com.