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**Mona Kuhn, *Evidence***

**OPENING RECEPTION FOR THE ARTIST: FRIDAY MARCH 16TH , 6-8PM**

**SPECIAL BOOKSIGNING WITH MONA KUHN, SATURDAY MARCH 17TH, 11:AM**

**SHOW DATES: MARCH 16TH -APRIL 28TH**

Jackson Fine Art is proud to exhibit ***Evidence***, a selection of photographer **Mona Kuhn's** most captivating recent color work. In her second solo show at Jackson Fine Art, **Kuhn's** exquisite photographs of people who take summer refuge at a naturist community on the coast of France are elusive yet grounded. While as viewers we are privy to the sight of her subjects' smooth and graceful contours, their comfortableness with their own bodies, we are caught off guard by the ambiguities that remain. Most of us associate physical nakedness with the unfettered bearing of ourselves, nothing left for us to hide behind. Yet, with **Kuhn's** subjects, though they reveal their bodies, they do not reveal themselves. Their relationships to one another are implied, but hardly explained. We cannot know how the person in the foreground relates to the person in the background. We cannot see expressions of emotion on unfocused faces. We can only imagine what is missing. **Kuhn** employs not only the use of her lens, but a masterful and eloquent manipulation of color and light to convey both their obvious physicality and enigmatic interaction. **Kuhn** knows her subjects, "collaborators" as she describes them, spending the last twelve summers with them. However, she is selective in what she lets her viewers know about her subjects. Just as in some of these photographs, although she gives us a window to see inside, our view is ambiguous.

**Mona Kuhn** was born in Brazil in 1969, of German descent. She has degrees from both Ohio State University and the San Francisco Art Institute. Since 1998, she has been an independent studies scholar at the Getty Research Institute in Los Angeles. She was a nominee in 2004 and 2006 for the prestigious *Prix Photographique* BMW- Paris Photo Award. Several institutions have collected her work, including the San Francisco Museum of Art and the Knoxville Museum of Art in Tennessee. She currently lives in Los Angeles. Both of her monographs published by Steidl, *Photographs* and *Evidence*, her newest book, will be available for purchase at the gallery. Mona will be attending the opening on Friday March 16th and will be signing her newest book, ***Evidence***, on Saturday, March 17th at 11:00am.

Jackson Fine Art is located at 3115 East Shadowlawn Ave. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10-5 pm. For more information please contact Malia Stewart at [malia@jacksonfineart.com](mailto:malia@jacksonfineart.com)