

# ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION

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## Elton John AIDS Foundation Launches First Limited Edition Photography Portfolio Benefiting the Foundation and Its Initiatives

Works by

**Nan Goldin, Katy Grannan, Damien Hirst, Sally Mann,  
Richard Misrach, Shirin Neshat, Thomas Struth,  
Sam Taylor-Wood, Juergen Teller, and Ruud van Empel**

Preview, Lehmann Maupin Gallery, New York, May 7-12, 2009  
Exhibition, Jackson Fine Art, Atlanta, May 19-August 22, 2009

**New York, NY, April 24, 2009** – The **Elton John AIDS Foundation** (EJAF) announced today the publication of its first **Photography Portfolio** to benefit urgently needed grant-making initiatives supporting innovative HIV prevention programs, efforts to eliminate AIDS-related discrimination and stigma, and direct care services. “The Portfolio is a way for us to connect with the visual arts world, which has always been at the forefront in the fight against HIV/AIDS, and it is proof that artists continue to care,” said Scott Campbell, Executive Director of the Foundation.

The result of a very happy marriage between two of Sir Elton’s greatest passions, collecting photographic art and raising money for the Elton John AIDS Foundation, the Portfolio includes some of the most outstanding international names: **Nan Goldin, Katy Grannan, Damien Hirst, Sally Mann, Richard Misrach, Shirin Neshat, Thomas Struth, Sam Taylor-Wood, Juergen Teller** and **Ruud van Empel**. All these artists are also represented in Sir Elton’s own collection. “I am both thrilled by the extraordinary array of art that has been contributed to this collection and profoundly grateful to the generous and talented artists represented within for supporting EJAF’s vital work,” said Sir Elton.

Comprised of ten prints and published by Jackson Fine Art in Atlanta, the limited edition boxed Portfolio will sell for \$25,000 and constitutes an extraordinary set for collectors or collecting organizations. The prints, in an edition of 40, with 12 artists proofs, were produced under the supervision of the artists. The Portfolio will be presented in a 20 x 24 inch box designed by Li. Inc. An online preview is available at [www.ejaf.org/portfolio](http://www.ejaf.org/portfolio), and a full list of works is available upon demand.

The Photography Portfolio will officially launch in Atlanta with a private reception. It will then be on view at Jackson Fine Art, located at 3115 East Shadowlawn Avenue, Atlanta, GA



30305, T. (404) 233-3739, Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5:30pm, from May 19 through August 22, 2009.

In order to provide the New York community with an opportunity to view the works, the Portfolio will be previewed in New York from May 7 through May 12, 2009 at Lehmann Maupin Gallery, located at 540 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, New York NY 10001, T. (212) 255-2923, Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm, with an opening reception on Thursday, May 7, from 6 to 8pm, which will take place on the occasion of the reception for a new exhibition by Adriana Varejão.

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#### **About the Elton John AIDS Foundation**

The Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) was established in the United States in 1992 (EJAF-US) and in the United Kingdom in 1993 (EJAF-UK) by founder and chairman Sir Elton John. Together, both entities have raised over \$150 million to support HIV/AIDS prevention and service programs in 55 countries around the globe since inception. Today, EJAF is one of the world's leading nonprofit HIV/AIDS organizations supporting innovative HIV prevention programs, efforts to eliminate stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS, and direct care and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS. EJAF-US's current grant-making priorities target HIV prevention programs in the Southern United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America; HIV prevention and care services for highly marginalized and vulnerable populations; and HIV/AIDS prevention, education and the promotion of sexual health for adolescents. For more information on the Elton John AIDS Foundation and its programs, please visit [www.ejaf.org](http://www.ejaf.org).

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