

## PRESS RELEASE—JACKSON FINE ART

**Anderson & Low, *Athlete/Warrior***

**July 7<sup>th</sup>- August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**Opening Reception for the Artists, Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm**

**Artist's Talk and Book Signing, Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>,**

**Their book, *Athlete/Warrior*, published by Merrell, will be available for purchase.**

We don't usually think of soldiers and athletes as being similarly driven. After all, the nature of their competitions is so very different. Yet, a closer look reveals fascinating parallels, made all the more intriguing when the athlete and the warrior are the same person.

In 2001, British photographers **Jonathan Anderson** and **Edwin Low** set out to study those training for both the sports field and the battlefield. Jackson Fine Art is proud to exhibit a selection of photographs from *Athlete/Warrior*, the result of this nearly two-year study. This series illuminates the discipline one might expect from such dedicated individuals, and discovers a surprising transformation as track shoes are traded for combat boots, baseball bats for assault rifles.

The project, which follows the duos heralded *American Athletes* exhibition shown at the United States Olympic Center Museum in 2001, took **Anderson & Low** to all three U.S. military academies in West Point, Annapolis, and Colorado Springs. They observed and documented each institution's unique atmosphere through its cadets/athletes and architecture.

Over 200 black and white images offer two modern interpretations of an age-old iconography: the hero. Pride, determination and courage emanate from the subjects, whether they're dressed for battle or athletic competition. But the subjects also project different personalities in different uniforms, a dichotomy, which **Anderson & Low** also explore. Diptych and triptych presentations cast a skillful eye on inherent commonalities and subtle differences.

-Steve Anderson

**Jonathan Anderson** and **Edwin Low** have been a photographic team since 1990. The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia, has recently acquired seventeen images from the *Athlete/Warrior* series including mural-sized prints. The entire collection has toured throughout America, in cities including Los Angeles, Washington, DC, and New Orleans.

**Anderson & Low's** photographs can be found many prestigious collections, including the National Portrait Gallery in London and the US Olympic Center in Colorado Springs.

In 2002, Twin Palms Press published a twin set of books, *Athlete* and *Gymnasts*. Their latest book, *Athlete/Warrior*, was published by Merrell in 2005.