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**Eikoh Hosoe “Un Homme Rodin”**

**Dates: May 17 – June 15, 2013**

**Location: Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film (Roppongi, Tokyo)**

**Opening reception: Friday, May 17, 2013, 18:00 – 20:00**

Taka Ishii Gallery Photography / Film will present “Un Homme Rodin,” an exhibition of works by Eikoh Hosoe from May 17 to June 15. The exhibition will include a reproduction, designed by GRAPH, of *Un Homme Rodin*, Hosoe’s 2010 accordion book made of Japanese paper primarily comprising images of August Rodin’s sculptures shot at the Rodin Museum in the 7th arrondissement of Paris, as well as four images printed using Somezuri (ink-jet) on Japanese paper made by the living national treasure Ichibei Iwano.

*I started with the irreverent and reckless desire to express “human Rodin” rather than “photographs of sculptures.” I felt that this would be the best way to show my adoration and respect for Rodin. On my way to and from Paris, I decided that such an approach was absolutely necessary to photograph Rodin’s works in this day and age.*

- Eikoh Hosoe

Starting in the 1950s, the earliest period of his career, Hosoe made important contributions to portrait photography with his works *Man and Woman*, *Ordeal by Roses*, *Kamaitachi*, and *Embrace*. In recent years, he has produced the series *Kazuo Ohno* and *People Concerned with the Works*, which show the continual growth of his unconventional methods of expression. The works included in the current exhibition are no exception. As Hosoe explains above, his intent was to capture the “human Rodin” and the resulting images attest to a unique perspective afforded by Hosoe’s experience of photographing a wide range of human subjects. The project is an important experiment in seeing the living human in figural sculptures. In conjunction with the current exhibition and with support from amanasalto, we will also produce an edition of platinum prints of images from the *Un Homme Rodin* series.

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**Eikoh Hosoe “Un Homme Rodin” vol. 2-1 and 2-2 (Each volume sold separately.)**

Retail price: ¥ 472,500- each

Edition: 25 + 5 AP each

Somezuri (ink-jet) on Japanese paper, accordion book

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