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## Klaus A J Riederer **Naked truth**

When I stare to myself in a mirror, I can't help contemplating that I don't have the faintest idea of who the person really is behind that glass wall. What are his gut feelings? Is he able to love? What does he dream about?

Although these questions have pondered on me at least one third of my life, it stands on pure destiny how my life's struggles, and above all those ones that occurred to me during the month-to-date, have changed me. As soon as I figured having enough of making art, a lifetime of chance opened on me: to take part in the "3 to 7" workshop lead by the honorable photographer Arno Rafael Minkkinen, in Kotka Aug 3 – 7, 2009. Arno's key question "*Are you teachable?*" echoes in my mind, as I consider how much work I've done I need to give up, in order to go further upon my journey. Thanks to my unique teacher and skillfull course comrades, I started taking photographs in a totally new way. But above all, during the process I learned to find direction to my life. Thinking back, so many lessons I've contradicted before seem now to make sense.

In the exhibition I will show my final course work, the photographic ensemble of the seven works done during and for the course. They will be shown jointly with the works from my colleagues of the workshop, as well as the works by the other members of Kotka Photographic centre.

The outcome of the exhibition is something totally unpredictable to me. Perhaps this reflects well the journey into myself.

I have taken all the photographs in the exhibition with a Canon EOS 40D digital reflex camera, printed with a Epson 11880 pigmented inkjet printer on Kodak Professional Lustre Paper. The works are of size 30 x 40 cm<sup>2</sup>, according to the rules of the joint exhibition. The pigment ink works have been previously shown at the very same exhibition space by invitation on Sept 4 – Oct 4, 2009, sized 100 x 150 cm<sup>2</sup> and laminated and mounted to aluminium composite sheets; handmade by yours truly.



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