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Alejandro Chaskielberg
The High Tide

June 9 – July 29, 2011

Artist's Reception: Thursday, June 9, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Yossi Milo Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of color photographs by Argentinian artist Alejandro Chaskielberg entitled, *The High Tide*. The exhibition will open on June 9 and close on July 29, with an opening reception for the artist on Thursday, June 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This will be the artist's first solo exhibition in the United States.

Interested in the relationship between people and their environment, Alejandro Chaskielberg has lived in the Paraná River Delta region in Argentina periodically since 2007. While there, he observes the daily routines of the local islanders: fishing, boating, and farming. Drawing from his background in film, the artist carefully recreates scenes from his observations and photographs them at night. The light sources used to illuminate the images are moonlight, flashlights, strobes and lanterns, casting them in eerie and surreal light of unnatural colors.

Chaskielberg's project, *The High Tide*, depicts life in the remote community of the Delta, where the river tides determine the activities and movements of its inhabitants. Chaskielberg breaks with the tradition of documentary photography by casting real people in imagined situations based on their own lives. In his photographs, everyday reality is transformed into a dreamlike world where perceptions of color, light and space are challenged.

Alejandro Chaskielberg has received numerous awards including the prestigious L'Iris D'Or, the 2011 Sony World Photography Awards Photographer of the Year; *Burn Magazine* Emerging Photographer Grant; Leopold Godowski Jr. Color Photography Award from the Photographic Resource Center at Boston University; SCAN Talent Latent Award; and *PDN's* 2009 30 Photographers to Watch. A book of *The High Tide* series will soon be released by Nazraeli Press with an essay by Martin Parr. Chaskielberg was born in 1977 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he currently lives and works.

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