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VITAMIN Ph:
New Perspectives in Photography

The definitive book on contemporary photography, featuring 121 emerging and established international artists.

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_Vitamin Ph_ is a global, up-to-the-minute survey of the newest developments in contemporary photography. It features the work of 121 artists and photographers who have made a fresh and innovative contribution to international art photography in the last five years. The nominators are influential critics, curators and artists from around the world including Donna De Salvo, Hou Hanru, Yuko Hasegawa, Matthew Higgs, Jens Hoffmann, Martin Parr and Vicente Todoli. The A-Z survey showcases over 500 illustrations depicting the incredible richness and variety of the medium.

_Vitamin Ph_ features an introduction by TJ Demos, Lecturer in the Department of History of Art, University College London. A member of Art Journal's editorial board, he writes widely on modern and contemporary art. His essay is a critical account of the recent evolution and role of photography in the art world, mass media and global cultures. Each artist's work is accompanied by a 500-word text by a leading critic, curator, art historian or creative writer—including Mark Godfrey, Jessica Morgan, Barry Schwabsky, Brian Sholis and Roxana Marcoci.

_Vitamin Ph_ is both a reference book for the art world and an accessible guide for those with an interest in photography at all levels. The artists and photographers come from over 40 countries, including Mexico, China, Palestine, Vietnam, Singapore, Brazil, Turkey, Albania and Poland. The book is similar in concept, scope and structure to Phaidon's _Vitamin P: New Perspectives in Painting_ (2002, essay Barry Schwabsky), and _Vitamin D: New Perspectives in Drawing_ (2005, essay Emma Dexter).

Highlights include:
- Moroccan artist **Yto Barrada**, American artist **Alec Soth** and British artist **Phil Collins**, all nominated for this year’s Deutsche Börse Photography Prize. **Phil Collins** has been shortlisted for the 2006 Turner Prize. **Yto Barrada**. **Alec Soth** and **Phil Collins**, all nominated for this year’s Deutsche Börse Photography Prize. **Phil Collins** has been shortlisted for the 2006 Turner Prize.
- British artist **Tacita Dean** and Albanian artist **Anri Sala**, both with recent monographs in Phaidon’s Contemporary Artists series. **Tacita Dean** and **Anri Sala**, both with recent monographs in Phaidon’s Contemporary Artists series.
- Lush, hyper-real, colour-saturated landscapes, cities and interiors by German artist **Florian Maier-Aichen**, British artists **Catherine Yass** and **Sophy Rickett**, and German artist **Rut Blees Luxemburg**. **Florian Maier-Aichen**, British artists **Catherine Yass** and **Sophy Rickett**, and German artist **Rut Blees Luxemburg**.
- Colour landscape images depicting the aftermath of apartheid by South African artist **David Goldblatt**. **David Goldblatt**.
- Documentary and fictional figurative images by Chinese artist **Liu Zheng**. **Liu Zheng**.
- Arresting portrait photography by American artist **Catherine Opie**. **Catherine Opie**.
- Vivid panoramic and aerial shots by Argentinian artist **Esteban Pastorino Diaz**. **Esteban Pastorino Diaz**.
Surreal digital-montage high colour works by Russian collective AES+F group and American artist Anthony Goicolea (Winner of the BMW – Paris Photo Prize for Photography 2006), and American narrative photographer Gregory Crewdson. Politically challenging works by Spanish artist Santiago Sierra, Palistinian artist Emily Jacir and Lebanese artist The Atlas Group/Walid Raad. Meditative images of flowers at night and the photographer’s bed by Northern Irish artist Gareth McConnell. Whimsical works that explore the realm of personal fantasy by Korean artist Yeondoo Jung.


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