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**LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHS BY
PAUL KOZAL AND KOICHIRO KURITA**

**September 1st – September 30th, 2006
Opening Reception, September 1st, 6 – 8 pm**

The Joseph Bellows Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of landscape photographs by Paul Kozal and Koichiro Kurita.

Paul Kozal photographs the landscape of California and the American Southwest. His sepia and selenium toned prints evoke the warmth and quietude often found in nature. Working within the context of traditional landscape photography, Kozal offers fresh views of this classic subject matter. His images reveal the beauty as well as the mystery within each landscape he photographs. His landscapes seem exotic and strange, yet close and familiar.

The artist has said, “Each of us, at some time, has encountered a person or place that at once disarms our senses, seemingly transcending reality. The moment takes root within our consciousness, and its indelible impression forever alters our perspective. Capturing the essence of that moment and embodying it in a photographic image is my primary desire.”

Kozal, a self-taught photographer, was born and raised in Chicago. He now resides in Sea Ranch, California.

Japanese photographer, **Koichiro Kurita** began the pursuit of fine art photography as a way to describe his profound reverence for nature. Drawing influence from Thoreau's, Walden Pond, a vision that was reminiscent of the philosophy of Zuangzi and echoed the Oriental way of understanding nature, Kurita became inspired to retreat to nature in order to learn by connecting to its beauty. The resulting photographs are large hand-coated platinum prints carefully printed on handmade Gampi vellum.

The delicate, translucent paper accentuates the platinum prints' warm tones and highlights subtle details and textures of the landscape subjects. Kurita's photographs inspire contemplation of nature's beauty, and humble subjects such as water lilies, stones, and grasses are given new importance in his tranquil and meditative images.

His photographs have been widely collected and exhibited both in galleries and museums around the world, including the Bibliotheque National, Paris, the George Eastman House, New York, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Yamanashi Prefecture Art Museum, Kofu, Japan.

The Joseph Bellows Gallery will feature the work of Kozal and Kurita from September 1st – September 30th, 2006. There will be an opening reception with artist Paul Kozal September 1st, from 6 –8 pm. Joseph Bellows Gallery is an internationally recognized dealer in vintage and contemporary photographic art. Founded in La Jolla in 1998, the gallery's clientele includes major public and private collections worldwide.

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