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LEE FRIEDLANDER 1960-2010 or HOW I GOT FROM THERE TO HERE IN 100 PICTURES OR LESS

November 4 – December 30, 2010



At sixty-five I retired from everything except work.

-- L.F.

Fraenkel Gallery is pleased to present the exhibition LEE FRIEDLANDER 1960-2010, *or* HOW I GOT FROM THERE TO HERE IN 100 PICTURES OR LESS. The exhibition will be on view from November 4 to December 30, 2010.

Lee Friedlander (b. 1934) is one of the few artists in any medium to sustain a consistent body of influential work over five decades. The result of singular talent coupled with dogged, indefatigable effort, Friedlander has photographed almost every day since the late 1950s. More than a few of his friends have observed that for Lee, working is the equivalent of breathing. In the pre-dawn hours he can be found in his darkroom, developing negatives, studying contact sheets, and printing. He has never had an assistant. Every Friedlander photograph in existence was printed by the artist himself, a claim that can be made for very few photographers.

The Fraenkel Gallery exhibition presents two photographs from every year since 1960, allowing viewers the rare opportunity to examine the step-by-step growth of an artist over fifty years. New subject matter or a fresh approach may appear in one year, to be developed and refined over following decades. Friedlander's subject matter includes street scenes, portraits, landscapes, interiors, still lifes, nudes, trees, self portraits – in short, most of the central subjects of the history of photography.

Friedlander's career was the focus of a major survey organized by the Museum of Modern Art in 2005. His most recent body of work, AMERICA BY CAR, is currently on view at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

Fraenkel Gallery is located at 49 Geary Street, 4th floor, San Francisco. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 am - 5:30 pm, & Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. For further information and press photographs, please contact Carin Johnson at 415.981.2661 or cjohnson@fraenkelgallery.com.