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Olivo Barbieri “*site specific_Las Vegas 2005*”

April- June 2007

Opening Reception with the Artist April 6, 2007 6pm-8pm

With special screening of “*site specific_Las Vegas 05*” at 7pm

G-C Arts is pleased to announce an exhibition of selected photographs from the “*site specific_Las Vegas*” series by Italian artist Olivo Barbieri.

Armed with a large format camera with a tilt-lens, Barbieri ascend in a helicopter to capture unique perspectives of cities such as Los Angeles, Rome and even Shanghai. Barbieri turned his eyes to Las Vegas - with its unique perspective of the world’s architecture and its overwhelming desert-scapes and the Hoover Dam – to create a delightful series of images both praising the grandeur of the growing metropolis and stripping it of the glitter and scale that makes Las Vegas a destination city.

Throughout his “*site specific_*” series, Barbieri isolates architectural wonders from the Coliseum in Rome to the New York, New York Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas and presents only their essential elements. Using lighting and selected focus, these cities appear as serene and idealized models –innocently unhindered by their inherent splendor. Through his techniques and limited perspective, the physical presentation and visual vocabulary shifts and the viewer is confronted with a new urban landscape.

A short film, *site specific_Las Vegas 05*, will be presented at 7 pm on April 6. This film was recently screened at the Museum of Modern Art in New York and has been presented in several film festivals including the Toronto International Film Festival in 2005.

Barbieri has exhibited his work at the Venice Biennale three times, and is planning an exhibition for the Fall `07 at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SF MOMA). Among many other exhibitions, his work has been widely collected worldwide.

G-C Arts is open Tuesday through Saturday 10am until 6pm, or by appointment anytime.