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Exhibition and new book:

22 May to 29 June 2019

VINTAGE GAY PORNOGRAPHY: 'JOYEUX POLISSONS'

164 photographs from the period 1860 to 1930

At my gallery in the heart of Paris, between 22 May and 29 June 2019, I shall be holding an exhibition of photographs from the period 1860 to 1930 on the theme of homosexual fun and games. The exhibition will be accompanied by my new book *Joyeux Polissons*, which reproduces 164 of the works.

These are rare images which, at the time, were guarded in secret. Taken in brothels or artists' studios, they were intended for a voyeuristic clientele and other keen *amateurs*.

This is a collection that has taken more than twenty years to assemble, homoerotic images being relatively rare during the period, and yet the subject of a lively commerce. Of the few that were produced, a great many have been destroyed.

All of the photographs in the exhibition are available for sale.

The book:

Joyeux Polissons

Secret homoerotic photography

1860 to 1930

220 pages - Bound hardback - 15 cm x 21 cm

164 photographs - Four-colour printing

Limited edition of 500 copies, 20 copies not for sale

Explanatory texts for each series of photographs

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