Michel Leroy

ALCHEMY

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2X Productions is pleased to present *Alchemy*, an exhibition chronicling a yearlong photographic project by award-winning photographer Michel Leroy that explores the tension between sensuality and physicality. This will be the artist's second solo exhibition and fourth show in 2018.

Moments of sculptural balance, anticipation and strength define the graceful lines and impossible gestures of this vivid Black and White series. Woven into the tapestry of texture and shadow the artist creates body-positive images that are exaggerated and explicit without sexual objectification. The images are a celebration of physical confidence and vitality at its most pure. By emphasizing form over identity, he seduces the viewer to reveal empathy for body acceptance in the self-image fueled era of social media. The process of transmuting the skin metallic unites the constellation of skin tones and strips bare preconceptions while illuminating physical radiance.

The *Alchemy* exhibition, on display in booth F432 during FOTO SOLO ArtExpo New York, follows on Leroy's success from the January premier in Manhattan. The April 2018 AENY 40th Anniversary Show will include 11 limited edition prints with a catalog of images from the series available. Artexpo is the world's largest fine art show, providing dealers, collectors and buyers with access to thousands of innovative works from artists at the prestigious Pier 94 in the heart of Midtown Manhattan.

Michel Leroy was born in America in 1971 and grew up in Montana. He lived in London and Florence before finding his way to New York City in 2000, where he established a reputation as an entertainment and advertising photographer with a clear style that captures an authentic connection to real personalities.

The image above (*Alchemy Sc29*) is an Archival C-Print in a single edition with two sizes:

The 20" x 24" size is available in a limited edition of 10 + 2 Artist Proofs
The 36" x 48" size is available in a limited edition of 3 + 1 Artist Proof

Explore the series by visiting the website <u>editions.michelleroyphoto.com</u>. To request press images, please contact the studio directly at +1-212-475-4110 or <u>studio@michelleroyphoto.com</u>.