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HIGH ALTITUDE
photography in the mountains

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The **HIGH ALTITUDE** festival will welcome this summer the famous photographer **Olivo Barbieri** for a unique workshop

The **HIGH ALTITUDE** festival of contemporary photography will organise in Rossinière (Switzerland) a workshop with the great Italian photographer **Olivo Barbieri**. From 8th to 12th August 2011, professional and amateur photographers are invited to share and explore their vision of photography in the sublime and preserved environment of the Swiss Alps.

A major player on the international scene, the Italian photographer **Olivo Barbieri** (b. 1954) flew over major cities in a helicopter and photographed them in large format. He focuses his attention on the organisation of structures, blurring the references of scale and focus to devise a both hyper-realistic and artificial atmosphere. His famous series of the Dolomites (see photograph opposite) underlines a vision of Nature which cannot be contemplated without taking into account man's impact on it. Barbieri's work also questions the viability of these



extraordinary landscapes. It is this perspective that the HIGH ALTITUDE festival would like to explore. As part of the 2011 edition, HIGH ALTITUDE has invited Olivo Barbieri for an exceptional one-week workshop, with enrolment only. Experienced or amateur photographers who will participate can explore the ideal subject at first hand: the mountainous foothills of Vaud surrounding the village of Rossinière, the venue in which this festival will take place from July 16th to September 19th, 2011.

HIGH ALTITUDE, multiple points of view on the mountain

During the summer of 2011, HIGH ALTITUDE will offer ten exhibitions in the heart of the preserved village of Rossinière. Alongside works from the collaboration with the Royal College of Art, the festival will feature works of the five winners of the competition organised in 2010 aimed at emerging domestic and international photographers. Matthieu Gafsou, Marion Burnier, Anne Golaz, Awoiska van der Molen and Daniel Shea will cover topics as diverse as the mountain landscape, the wilderness, the built mountain, the mountain as a symbol of identity, the mountain and the sublime. In addition to the exhibitions there will be an artist in residence, Olaf Otto Becker (b. 1959), who is renowned for the breathtaking beauty of his visions of Ireland and Greenland. Olaf Otto Becker will be working closely with the Parc Naturel Regional

Gruyère Pays-d'Enhaut and the photographs taken during his residency will be presented in a central location during the festival.

Several events will accompany these exhibitions, including children's workshops, two round table discussions and a meeting with photographers from Kyrgyzstan.

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