



TERRA NULLIUS

ALONZO GALLERY
MARCH 13 - 30, 2014

OPENING RECEPTION
MARCH 13, 2014
7:00pm - 12:00am

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Alonzo Gallery, a participating space in the FOTOFEST 2014 Biennale, is pleased to present *Terra Nullius* a group exhibition of photographic works inspired by the desert landscape. *Terra Nullius*, which translates to “no man’s land,” is a photographic exploration of the expansive and contradictory territory that is the desert terrain as seen through the lenses of eight visual artists. This exhibition opens on Thursday, March 13th with a public reception from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am.

Throughout history and in the present the desert has shown itself to be a place of solitude, of stillness and of peace. It is simultaneously a place of spiritual enlightenment and a wasteland. Edward Abbey wrote of the desert that it “lies beneath and soars beyond any possible human qualification.” Its complexity offers its visitors an experience of the sublime that transcends cultural trappings, territorial boundaries, even language.

The images in *Terra Nullius* reflect upon this awe-inspiring experience of boundless nature as each artist, respectively, reimagines the desert landscape through a considered photographic medium. In effect, *Terra Nullius* presupposes that “land belonging to no man” (a no-man’s land) offers the potential for a transcendent experience that belongs to all men.

Alonzo Gallery is an art venue in Houston, Texas that serves as a platform through which local, contemporary, and emerging artists engage with the surrounding community to foster the exchange of ideas and experiences through a variety of artistic practices.

