



July 2004

***14 Stations: Photographed by David Michalek* Depicts Former Homeless Enacting the Christian Passion, on view November 12, 2004, through March 27, 2005**

Media Preview November 10, 10 a.m. to noon.

14 Stations: Photographed by David Michalek an exhibition depicting the traditional Christian devotional Stations of the Cross, and enacted by men and women who were recently homeless, will be on view at the Brooklyn Museum November 19, 2004 through March 27, 2005.

14 Stations: Photographed by David Michalek was made in collaboration with the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing (IAHH), a non-profit organization based at the Cathedral of St. John the Devine in New York City. The organization is committed to bearing witness to the dignity of all vulnerable people, particularly those who have been homeless.

Each station was enacted by members of the organization, with a different man or woman taking the place of the traditional Christ figure in each. Michalek then photographed the resulting tableaux. The project avoided direct correlation with canonical representations of the Stations and opted instead for scenes of "everyday life" or, more specifically, scenes suggestive of the experience of being homeless.

The large-scale black-and-white photographs, which are mounted on backlit display boxes, are meant to serve as social and personal statements rather than comprising an exhibition of fine art in the usual sense.

David Michalek received a B.A. in English literature from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a certificate in filmmaking from NYU. He works as a freelance portrait photographer as well as creating performance-based work and multidisciplinary installations. He has been active as an artist since the 1990s and his stated endeavor is to unify aesthetics and ethics as well as to create work that stimulates the imagination.

Charlotta Kotik, curator and chair of the Department of Contemporary Art, organized *14 Stations* for the Brooklyn Museum.

14 Stations: Photographs by David Michalek was made possible, in part, by funds from the Durfee Foundation, The Franklin Furnace Fund for Performance Art, The Jerome Foundation, and The New York State Council on the Arts. Metrospace Airport Advertising generously donated 14 lightboxes.

Brooklyn Museum

200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238-6052
T (718) 638-5000 F (718) 501-6134
www.brooklynmuseum.org

Contacts: James Gordon, Media Relations Manager, (718) 501-6334

james.gordon@brooklynmuseum.org

www.brooklynmuseum.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Admission:

Contribution \$6; students with valid I.D. and older adults \$3. Free to Members and children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Group tours or visits must be arranged in advance by calling extension 234.

Directions:

Subway: Seventh Avenue express (2 or 3) to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum stop; Lexington Avenue express (4 or 5) to Nevins Street, cross platform and transfer to the 2 or 3. **Bus:** B71, B41, B69, B48. On-site parking available.

Museum Hours:

Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; First Saturday of each month, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; all other Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.