Main Road: Route 25

Photographs by Michael Domino

Artist Statement

Main Road, officially designated New York State Route 25, is more than a highway across Long Island's North Fork. It is a passage through a landscape shaped by agriculture, maritime industry, small-town commerce, and generations of people who worked the land and water.

For this series, I traveled Main Road photographing the structures, machines, vehicles, signs, and artifacts that still carry evidence of that history. Farmhouses and barns stand alongside tractors, plows, weathered trucks, roadside businesses, maritime objects, and unexpected pieces of Americana. Individually, they are remnants of particular places and occupations. Together, they form a portrait of the North Fork.

In the finished photographs, I remove the contemporary landscape surrounding each subject and place it within a spare, imagined environment of dry grass and gray sky. Roads, traffic, utility lines, trees, buildings, and other distractions disappear. What remains is the object itself—isolated from the present and allowed to occupy a landscape somewhere between documentation and memory.

The series is not intended as a literal record of Route 25. Rather, MAIN ROAD considers what remains after a place changes: a farmhouse, an abandoned truck, an old piece of farm machinery, a diner, a sign, an anchor. Removed from their ordinary surroundings, these familiar objects become monuments to the working history of the North Fork.

MAIN ROAD — Route 25 is ultimately a journey through a Long Island that still exists, but increasingly survives in fragments.

--Michael Domino

Biography

Michael Domino is a New York photographer whose work explores memory, history, and the passage of time through carefully constructed photographic exhibitions.

His recent projects include DOMINO: A Meditation on Time, Camp Hero, and HERITAGE, each transforming familiar subjects into contemplative visual narratives that exist somewhere between documentary photography and fine art.

Michael's work is inspired by the belief that ordinary places and objects often possess extraordinary stories waiting to be rediscovered.

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Hallockville Museum Farm



Wickham's Fruit Farm



Weathered Potato Barn



Red Farm Barn



Historic North Fork Farmhouse



Zucchini Farm Stand Sign



Rust Tractor



Horse and Farm Wagon



Little Creek Oyster Truck



Red Rooster



Vintage Farm Tractor



John Deere Tractor



Steel-Wheel Farm Tractor



Two-Bottom Plow



International Harvester Bulldozer



Wine Press



Farm Produce Truck



Pinot Noir Truck



American Flag Farm Truck



Old Farm Dump Truck



Buried Farm Truck



International Harvester Truck



GMC Farm Truck



Vintage Farm Trailer



Driftwood Horse



Marlin



Marine Anchor



The Witch's Hat



Orient Point Lighthouse



The Cutchogue Diner



Modern Snack Bar Sign