RUST / DECAY / CORROSION

Photographs by Michael Domino

Artist Statement

Rust is evidence of time.

In RUST / DECAY / CORROSION, I photograph machines, structures, vehicles, agricultural equipment and maritime remnants that have outlived the purposes for which they were made. Once valued for their usefulness, they have been abandoned, forgotten or simply overtaken by time.

I am drawn to what happens after usefulness ends. Steel oxidizes. Paint disappears. Wood collapses. Machinery becomes immobile. Objects that were designed entirely for function gradually acquire shapes, surfaces and textures their makers never intended.

By removing much of the surrounding visual information and placing these subjects within spare, isolated landscapes, I ask the viewer to look at them differently.
A pump, an old truck, a farm implement or the remains of a pier is no longer merely discarded equipment. Each becomes an individual presence—a kind of accidental sculpture.

The photographs are not intended as nostalgia, nor are they attempts to restore these objects to what they once were. I am interested in them precisely as they exist now: damaged, altered and incomplete.

Rust, decay and corrosion are usually understood as destruction.
In these photographs, they are also acts of transformation.

— 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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Vintage Wayne Gas Pump



Horse-Drawn Sickle-Bar Mower



Abandoned Chevrolet — Interior



Remains of Old Pilings



Abandoned Auger Among the Pilings



Vintage Crane



Punch Press



Industrial Pump — No. 536



Industrial Valve Assembly



High-Wheel Farm Implement



Industrial Pump Station



Traps and Mooring Weights



Concrete Ruins



Bison Iron Structure with Chain



Abandoned Farm Tractor



Iron Anchor



The Last Watch - Coastal Guardhouse



Rusted Material Seperator



Abandoned Red Barn



Collapsed Wooden Platform



Hirondelle — St. John



Collapsed Hull with Birds



Detroit Diesel Marine Engine



Abandoned Truck



Early Rusted Truck



Collapsed Industrial Structure



Industrial Pump



Buffalo Potato Digger



Warehouse Lights



Dilapidated Doors



Industrial Fan



Horse-Drawn Field Relic