PHOTOGRAPHS 1977-1979

LEWIS
DESOTO

Photographs by Lewis deSoto

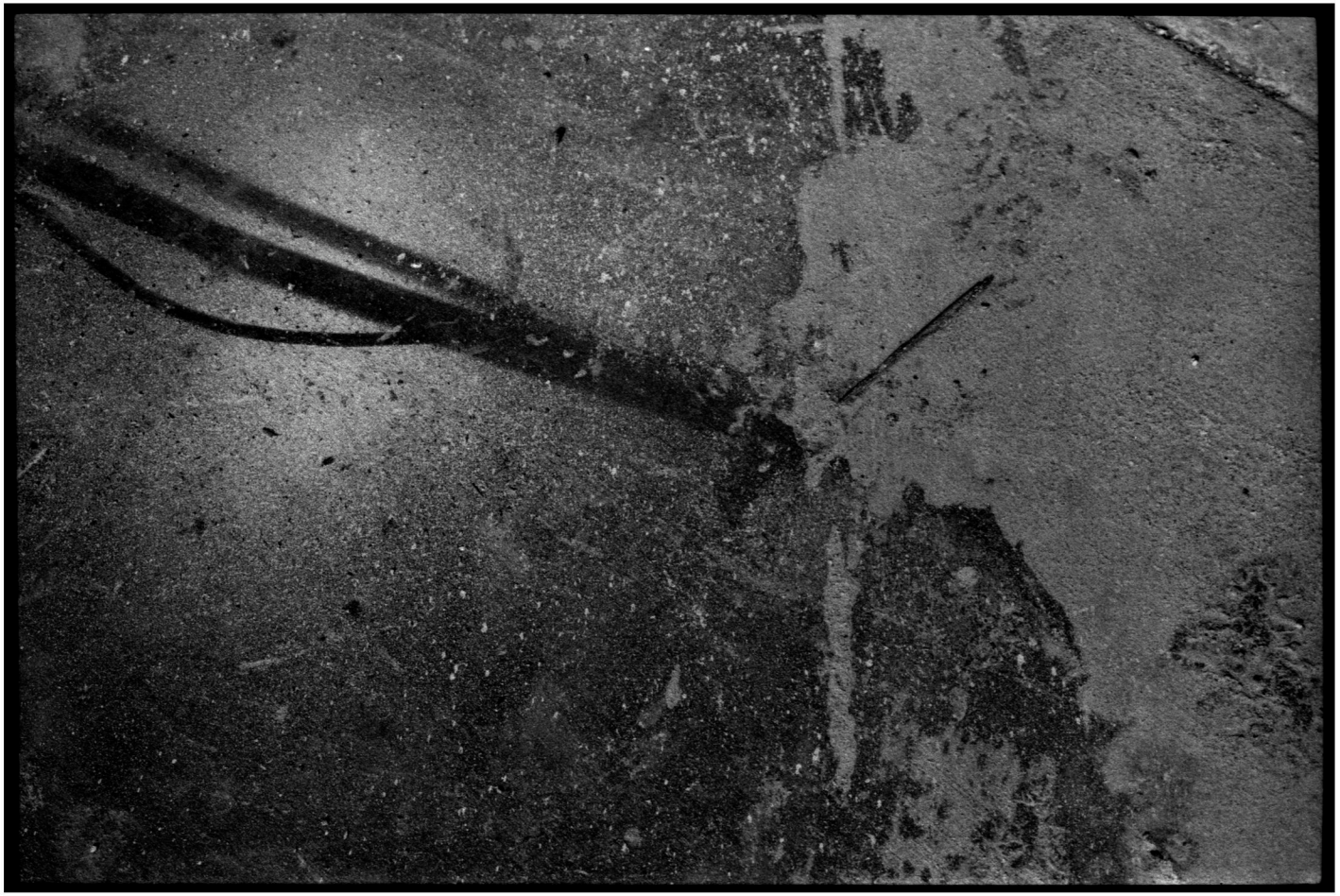
Lewis deSoto is a professor and head of the Photography program at San Francisco State University. He lives in the San Francisco Bay Area and New York City. His work is in numerous public and private collections including the Museum of Modern Art, New York, The California Museum of Photography, The Los Angeles County Museum, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles and the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego.

BASHO

BASHO means “place” in Japanese. This work, started in the 1977 and finished by 1979 represented my first one person exhibition of photographs in 1978 after a painting solo show in 1977 at the Inland Empire Gallery at U.C. Riverside in Riverside, California. All of BASHO was printed approximately 6 x 9 inches and displayed raw, mounted like cards against a wall. The sequence of the works is long forgotten. This book recreates the exhibition how best I can remember with a few 1979 works that were not available at the time. Influenced by Lewis Baltz and Ralph Gibson, the work was reductive in nature; I always used a tripod and the smallest possible aperture with the mirror locked up on my SRT Minolta camera. All work was printed the same without burning and dodging, using Kodak Plus-X, Agfa Brovira grade five paper. The work represents my efforts to bring my Zen Buddhist training to bear in creating photographs.

Lewis deSoto 2004

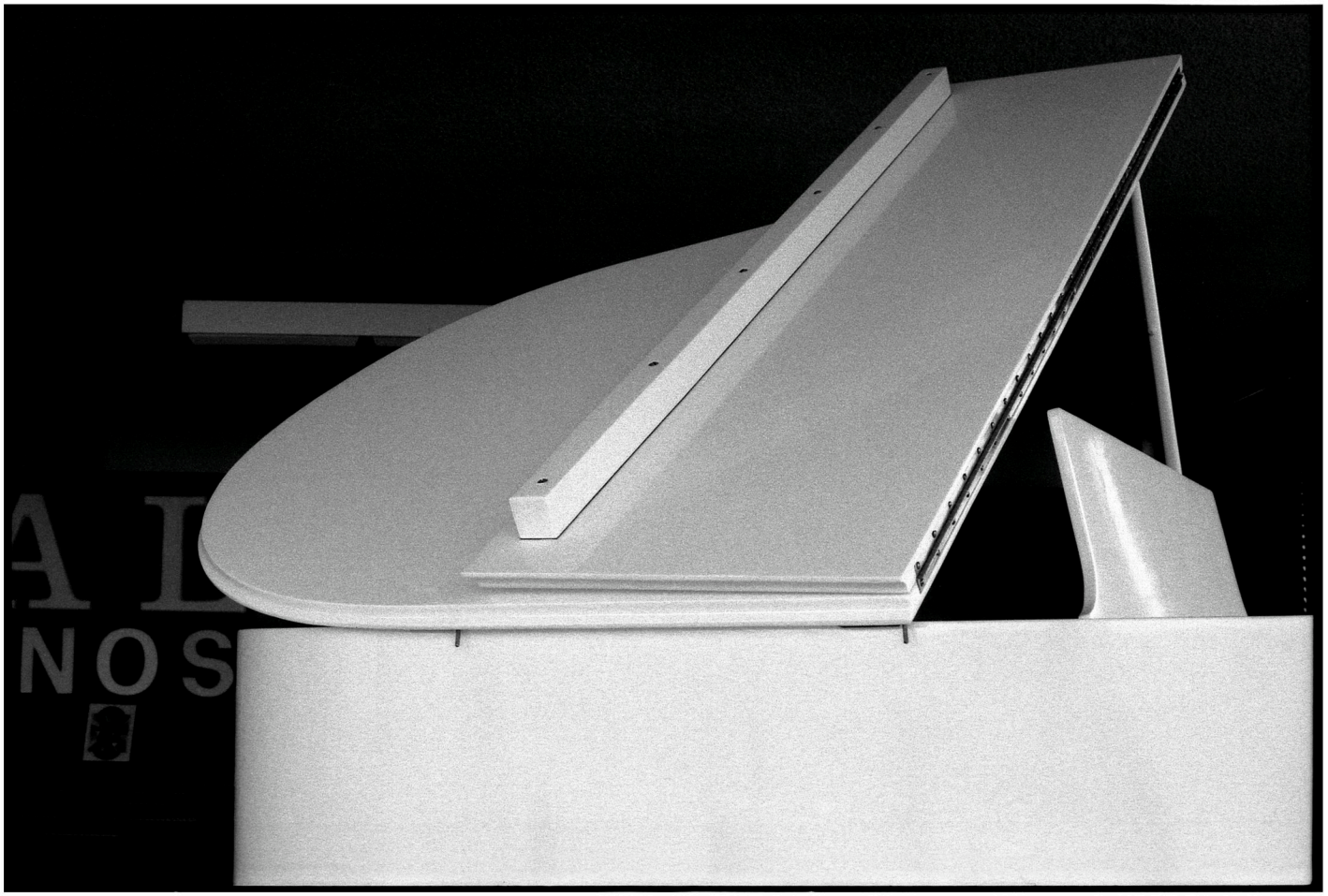
Riverside, California



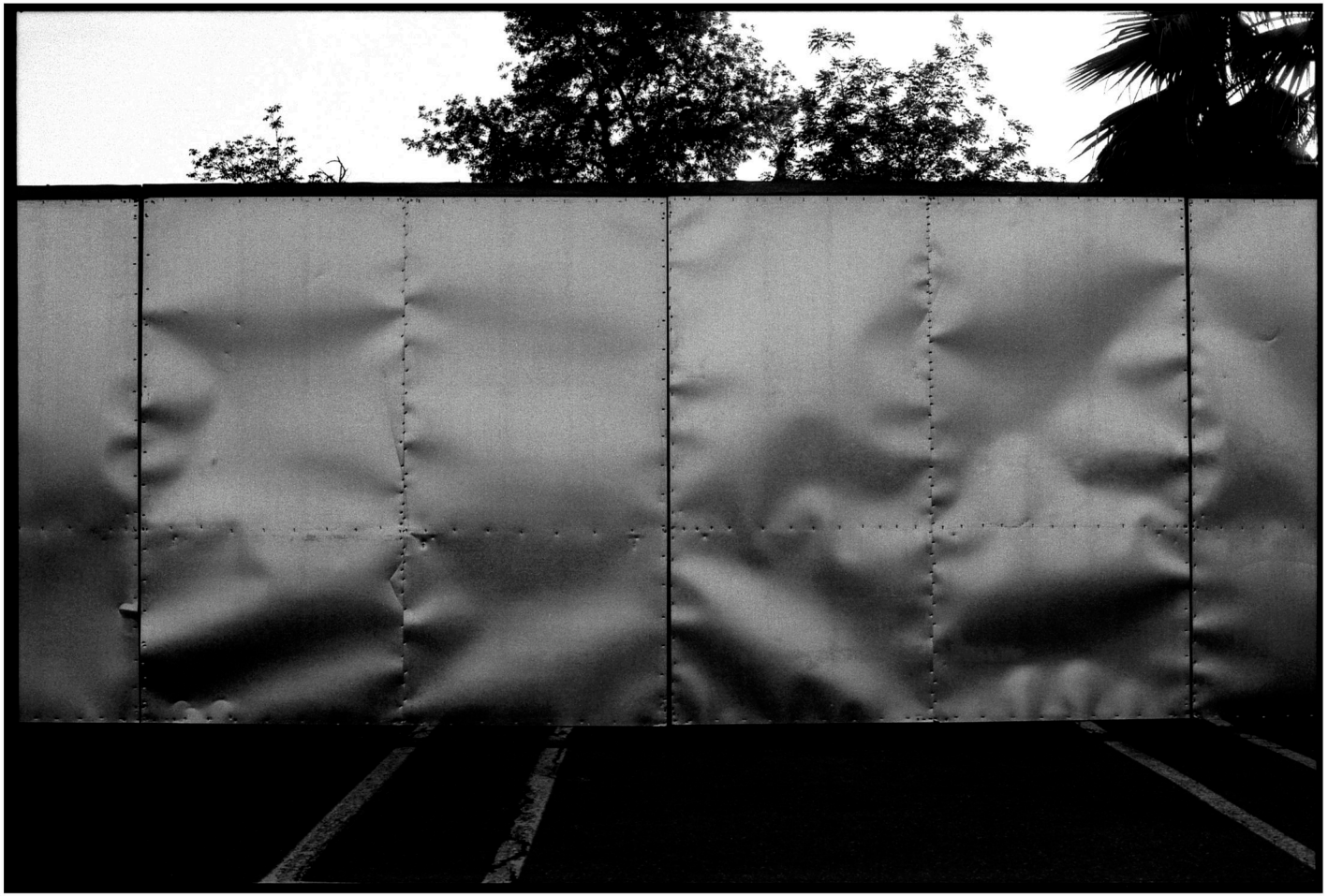
Riverside, California

Riverside, California

Colton, California



San Bernardino, California



San Bernardino, California

Colton, California

Riverside, California

Riverside, California

Fontana, California

Riverside, California

Riverside, California

Colton, California

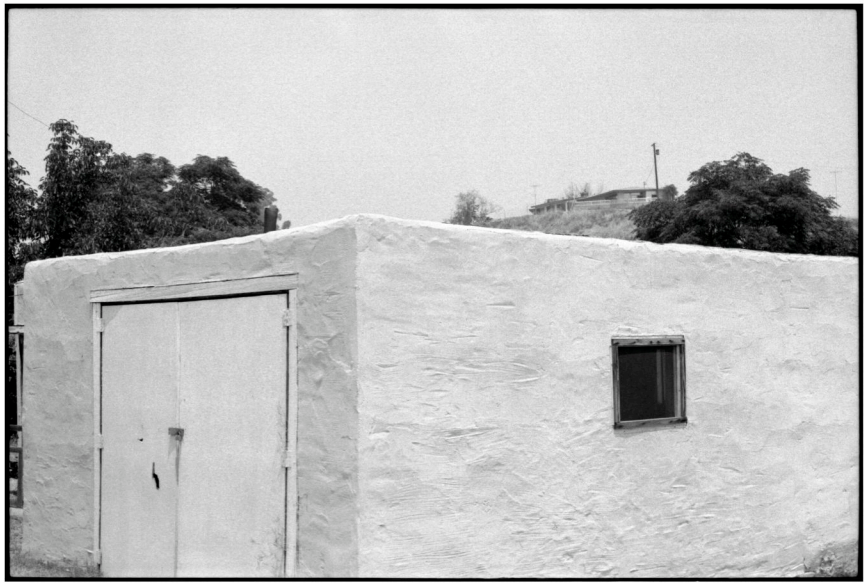
Colton, California

Riverside, California

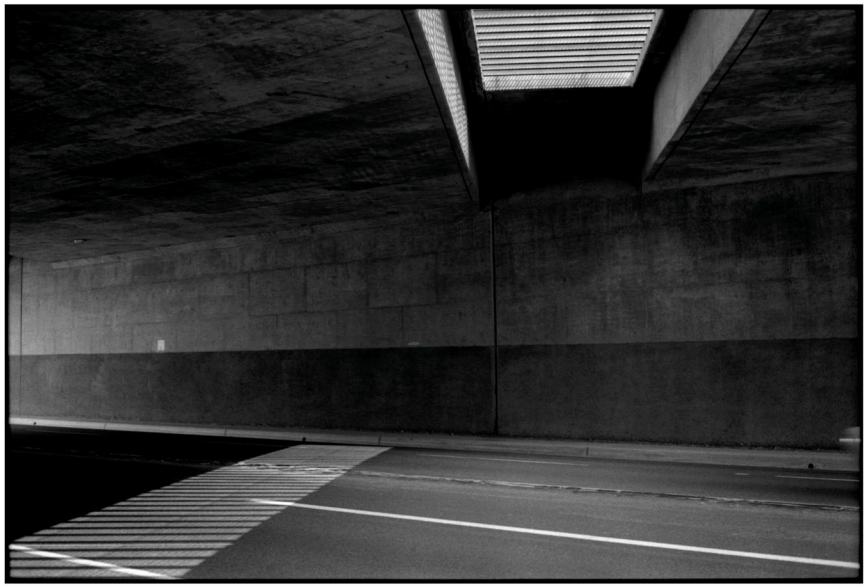
Riverside, California

Colton, California

Colton, California



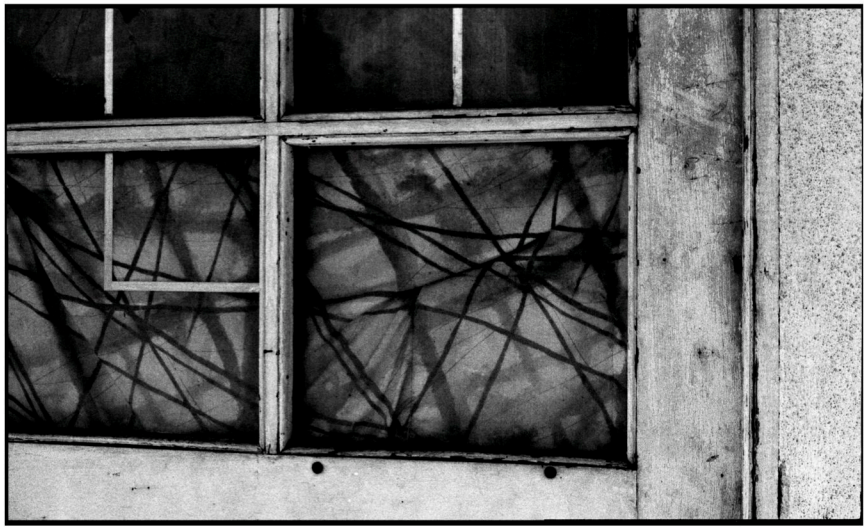
Riverside, California



San Bernardino, California

Riverside, California

Riverside, California



Riverside, California

Riverside, California

Riverside, California

Colton, California

Grand Terrace, California

Contact

Lewis deSoto

lewis@lewisdesoto.net
www.lewisdesoto.net

Represented by

Brian Gross Fine Art
49 Geary Street 5th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94108
415.788.1050
gallery@briangrossfineart.com
www.briangrossfineart.com

Copyright Notice

©2004, publication, 1977, 1978, 1979 Photographs
Lewis deSoto

BASHO

Photographs 1977-1979
Lewis deSoto