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Eiji OHASHI, *Roadside Lights Seasons: Winter*



Eiji Ohashi' s winterly landscapes with vending machines.

Roadside Lights Seasons: Winter is a follow-up to Eiji Ohashi' s critically acclaimed photographic series of vending machines along roads throughout Japan. The volume focuses exclusively on scenes taken during winter, with volumes for spring, summer and fall to be released as well.

“The vending machines placed all over the country are a symbolic image of today’ s Japan, and their lonely, daily work is reminiscent of the modern lives of us humans. In this sense, my series is a conscious reflection of its era, but it is also an expression of my own personal aesthetic sensibilities,” says Ohashi.

“I believe the sight of these vending machines shining brightly, all alone in the harshness of winter, evokes feelings of compassion and encouragement in us. These bright, glowing characters are mechanical machines, but they also appear strangely human, and the beautiful sceneries that surround them may even provide us a little hope.” —from Eiji Ohashi’ s afterword (available in Japanese and English translation)

With its large format and considerable weight, the photobook *Roadside Lights Seasons: Winter* gently recalls the weight and size of the vending machines in Ohashi’ s photographs. The leporello-style bookbinding allows the book to spread out into an instantaneous mobile exhibition as well.



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Born in Wakkanai, Hokkaido in 1955. Driven by the question “what does happiness mean to people?” , Ohashi began visiting the Himalayas, Tibet, Pakistan and China’ s Western Regions from 1984 and documented landscapes and members of local ethnic minorities over a period of twenty years. Ohashi began photographing vending machines throughout Japan in 2008 after having started to work as a commercial photographer. Eiji Ohashi’ s main exhibitions so far include *Roadside Lights* at Galerie&co199 (Paris, 2017) and *Existence of at* Zen Foto Gallery (Tokyo, 2017).



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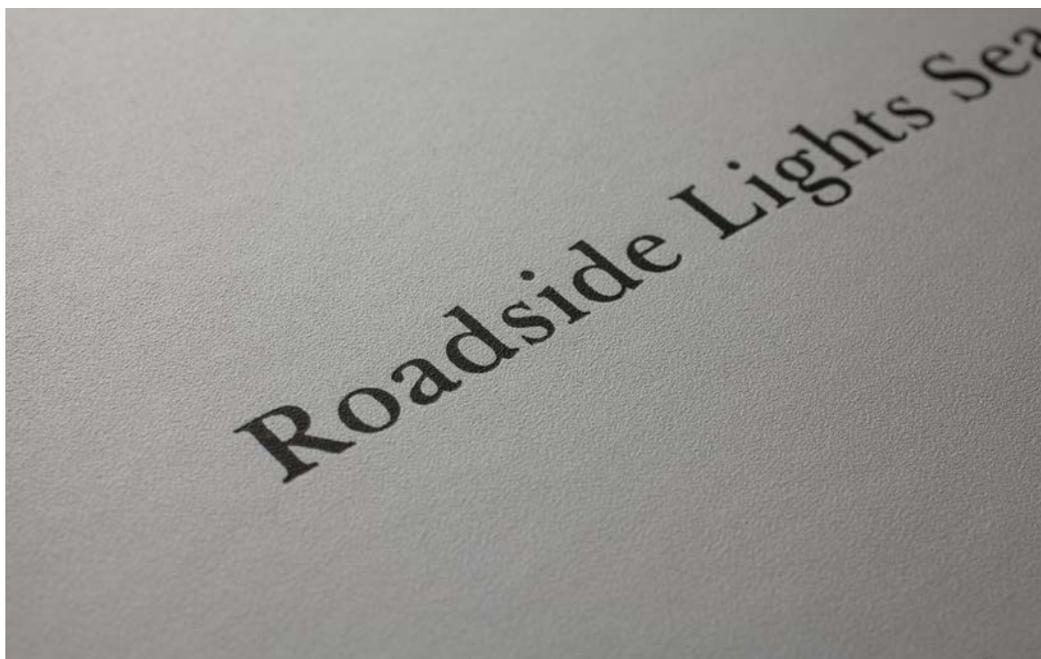
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