



# SAND SEA SKY

THE BEACHES OF SAGAPONACK

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**Sea Sand Sky: The Beaches of Sagaponack**

FEATURING AUTHOR AND PHOTOGRAPHER TRIA GIOVAN

East Hampton, New York - Saturday, June 30, 5 to 8pm, the East Hampton location of the Clic Bookstore & Gallery celebrates the publication of photographer Tria Giovan's book *Sea Sand Sky: The Beaches of Sagaponack* (Damiani Editore, 2012) with a book signing and accompanying display of selected works.

A longtime resident of Sag Harbor, Giovan felt drawn to the serenity discovered within the protected bounds of the ocean front of nearby Sagaponack. In the production of *Sea Sand Sky*, Giovan spent over a decade observing the daily and hourly shifts in tides, wind, sand, and sky along its 3-mile strip of private and protected beach. The images produced from the study reveal a precarious and delicate environment subject to constant upheaval and rejuvenation. As she observes: "these photographs of this vulnerable landscape invite a thoughtful concern about the environmental preservation of special places that engage our capacity for wonder."

A complex visual embodiment of the artist's decade-long meditations on nature's transient fragility, the images underscore the importance and possibilities of environmental stewardship and conservation within a precarious natural world. "To be surrounded by the sea is to breathe the essence of our soul," says Rodney Yee- yoga instructor, author, and Hamptons resident. "Tria's photographs sit us on the shore and remind us of our nature. The sky, the ocean, and the earth caught in their play, in their music, and in their dance."

With a career spanning twenty-five years, Giovan's work has been defined by comprehensive, timely, and in-depth subject exploration. Giovan is an inveterate traveler who grew up in the Virgin Islands and at the beaches of Rhode Island and whose photography assignments have taken her all over the world. *Cuba The Elusive Island*, published by Harry N. Abrams in 1996, brought together 100 images from the 12 months Giovan spent in the country over a 6-year period.

Giovan's work has been published in *Aperture*, *Elle*, *Esquire*, *Harpers*, *Travel & Leisure*, and *Vogue*, among many other publications. Her work has shown in New York City, Athens, Greece, Washington, DC, and Havana, Cuba, and is in the permanent collections of The Museum of Modern Art, The Brooklyn Museum, The Jewish Museum, and The NY Public Library, all in New York City.

The photobook features an accompanying essay by Carl Safina, president of Blue Ocean Institute, adjunct professor at Stony Brook University, and East End resident. A recipient of MacArthur, Pew, and Guggenheim fellowships, his books include *Song for the Blue Ocean*, *The View From Lazy Point*—winner of the 2012 Orion Book Award, and *A Sea in Flames*. He is host of *Saving the Ocean* on PBS.

*Sea Sand Sky* is available for purchase at both the East Hampton and Manhattan Clic Bookstore & Gallery locations:

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#### **Sea Sand Sky: The Beaches of Sagaponack**

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