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AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY, DEBORAH BELL, ROSE MANDEL

## Preview: Rose Mandel, A Sense of Abstraction, Deborah Bell Photographs

*In Exhibits, Gallery on November 13, 2017 at 11:00 am*



Rose Mandel, William Theophilus Brown, *The Errand of the Eye*, plate 26, ca. 1953, vintage gelatin silver contact print on original mount, Image via Deborah Bell Photographs

**Deborah Bell Photographs will soon kick off their exhibition *Rose Mandel: A Sense of Abstraction* with a reception on Tuesday, November 14 from 6-8pm. The solo exhibition will feature rare and unique works by American photographer Rose Mandel produced during her prolific career.**

*Deborah Bell Photographs is honored to present the first solo exhibition in a New York gallery of work by the American photographer Rose Mandel (1910-2002). Comprising some 30 rare, and often unique, vintage prints from her archive, the exhibition will feature portraits, close-up abstracted views of nature, and dynamic seascapes made between 1946 and 1972. The exhibition's title, A Sense of Abstraction, refers to the primary visual and psychological currents of Mandel's work: symbolism, surrealism and abstract expressionism. Although Mandel's photographs were published and exhibited in her lifetime, and her work received renewed appreciation in the 1990s, she rarely sold her prints.*

*Mandel is closely associated with the well-established modernist tradition in Northern California photography as represented by Edward Weston, Ansel Adams and Imogen Cunningham, yet her nature studies and abstract landscapes also belong to the broader American landscape tradition exemplified by Minor White, Walter Chappell, Harry Callahan, Ralph Eugene Meatyard, and others who explored complex symbolic meanings in their images of the natural world.*

**The exhibition will run November 15, 2017 through January 13, 2018 with a reception on November 14. Gallery hours for the exhibition are Tuesday-Saturday 11-6. For further information contact Deborah Bell Photographs (<http://www.deborahbellphotographs.com/upcoming/>).**

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