



Pond in Finland

Nadege Meriau

Near Pori, Satakunta, Finland

Colour negative shot on Hasselblad 500CM

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Michael Hoppen

Michael Hoppen Gallery, UK

I was immediately drawn to this entry. In fact, the style was so distinctive that I noticed several other images in different categories that were by the same photographer. Each image showed the same sensitivity to changing light and a time and place. The images, especially this one, spoke of an intimate silence that perfectly reflects the pleasure of walking through nature.

The colour palette is perfectly controlled and also adopts an unusual viewpoint. The image draws a miniature landscape that examines the richness and diversity of nature in its raw state. I would personally like to own this image so I could look at it every day.