



*Rice Terraces (Laohuzui II), Yunnan, China 2013*

## David Burdeny

### *Saudade*

Photographs from Iceland,  
China, Vietnam, Indonesia,  
Japan, USA and Brazil

2007-2014

*“The famous saudade of the Portuguese is a vague and constant desire for something that does not and probably cannot exist, for something other than the present, a turning towards the past or towards the future; not an active discontent or poignant sadness but an indolent dreaming wistfulness.*

*~ In Portugal of 1912, A. F. G. Bel”*

Saudade is the organizing theme for this work, a unique Portuguese word that has no immediate translation in English. Roughly stated, it refers to a longing, a melancholy, a desire for what was or what could be –to be someplace anywhere but the present. In this new body of photographic works, Burdeny leaves architectural images and returns to landscapes, photographing them as a sort of dream state where one floats above and wonders through, with no prescribed destination. When figures appear, they are objectified in his images, neither of this world or another but in between. The photographs have been collected by the artist over a 6-year period in Iceland, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, USA and Brazil, chronicling a landscape that shifts from primitive and raw to one of escape and beauty.

*“Low level aerial and ground based images that survey terrestrial phenomena and the mark of the human hand upon them. High resolution digital capture from light aircraft, and self-piloted UAV”- David Burdeny*

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