

SPECIAL PRINT
Created for Friends Without A Border

Fukunosuke, Suo Sarumawashi
by Hiroshi Watanabe



It is our pleasure to present this limited-edition print, generously donated by Hiroshi Watanabe exclusively for the *2008 Friends of Friends Photography Auction*. The print is now available prior to the auction.

Price \$500 (tax-deductible portion \$470)
Edition of 15
Gelatin silver print
Image size 8 x 8" on 11 x 14" fiber paper, presented in 14 x 17"
4-ply mats.
Year of work: 2008
Signed by the artist in pencil on the verso; embossed with
Friends Without A Border stamp
The prints are made available courtesy of Chelsea
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"Sarumawashi", which literally translates to "monkey dancing," has evolved over a 1000-year history in Japan. Acrobatic stunts and comedic skits are performed by highly trained Macaque monkeys. The monkey and trainer perform as one unit to demonstrate a bond between man and primate. Despite its popularity as festival entertainment over the centuries, Sarumawashi almost perished in the 1970's due to urbanization. In 1977 the Suo Sarumawashi Association was created in the Yamaguchi Prefecture to preserve the tradition of this highly regarded performing art.