

## FIGHTERS BY THORSTEN ROTH

EARLIER THIS YEAR THORSTEN ROTH HELD A PHOTO EXHIBITION AT GLEASON'S GYM IN BROOKLYN, NY, CALLED "FIGHTERS." BEFORE THORSTEN COULD COMPLETE THE PHOTO SHOOT, HE DECIDED THAT HE NEEDED TO BE THE EXACT SUBJECT HE WAS SHOOTING – HE HAD TO BECOME A BOXER. THORSTEN SPENT A YEAR AT GLEASON'S TRAINING AND BECOMING A PART OF THE BOXING COMMUNITY AND BOXING CULTURE. THE RESULT IS AN INCREDIBLE AND HONEST LOOK AT THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO TRAIN AT GLEASON'S THROUGH THE LENS OF AN INSIDER. HERE ARE SOME OF THE PHOTOS FROM "FIGHTERS" AS WELL AS SOME COMMENTARY FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHER.



"For most photographers the camera is a weapon, a protection-shield, a reason and an excuse to explore unfamiliar environments and situations. A camera can help you hide your insecurities. I was compelled to let my guard down and work like any other guy pushing and sweating to become a boxer without any extra attention or that camera for protection. Training forced me to face my vulnerabilities, work through them, and achieve some profound strengths to which I'd never otherwise had access." —Thorsten Roth





