

**ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE**

Robert Mapplethorpe (b. 1946, Queens, New York) became infamous for his transgressive black-and-white photographs, which often celebrated the artist's queer community. During the 1970s and '80s, he photographed himself and his New York City coterie, which included musicians such as Patti Smith (his one-time Chelsea Hotel roommate), artists, socialites, porn stars, and members of the gay S&M underground. While his content could be shocking, Mapplethorpe was also highly attuned to his medium's formal, more traditional elements; his pictures are deeply concerned with composition, color, texture, balance, and beauty. This is particularly evident in his later studio photography, which features nudes, flowers, and formal portraits.

**BIOGRAPHY**

- 1946 Born in Queens, New York
- 1963 Drawing, Painting and Sculpture, Pratt Institute
- 1973 First Solo Gallery Exhibition, Light Gallery, New York
- 1977 Documenta 6, Kassel, West Germany
- 1989 Death caused by AIDS

**SELECTED EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022 *Art Works \$1,000 or less*, Alpha 137 Gallery

*Black and White Prints and Works on Paper*, Alpha 137 Gallery

*Artist Designed Plates*, Alpha 137 Gallery

*Flower Power: Works depicting Flowers and Flora*, Alpha 137 Gallery

*AS LONG AS IT LASTS - A Tribute to Lawrence Weiner*, Mai 36 Galerie

*Artists Skates, Plates & Design Objects*, Alpha 137 Gallery

*Winter Exhibition*, Burnet Fine Art & Advisory

*New Year, New Prices*, [FEUTEU]

- 2021 *MAPPLETHORPE: ESCULTURA*, Morán Morán

*Robert Mapplethorpe*, Gladstone Gallery

*Robert Mapplethorpe: More Life*, Kukje Gallery

*SENDA at By Invitation*, Galeria Senda

*Horizontal Intrigue*, ArtWise

*11/09 CENTRALESUPELEC'91*, Thierry Marlat

*Photo London Digital Fair*, Johannes Faber

*Morán Morán at Felix Art Fair 2021*, Morán Morán

*THE SUMMER SHOW*, Johannes Faber

*O Canto do Bode | Collaborative Exhibition*, Fortes D'Aloia & Gabriel

*O Canto do Bode | Collaborative Exhibition*, Galeria Luisa Strina

*HUGE ART-BOOK STIMULUS SALE*, David Lawrence Gallery

*QUEER ME NOW*, Gallery 52

*Wedding Season Gifts*, ArtWise

*Cerbera Gallery presents: "The Green Room"*, Cerbera Gallery

*Tachycardia*, RestelliArtCo.

*Eckert Fine Art in North Adams, MA*, Eckert Fine Art

*Top 20 of 2020*, Caviar20

*POP POSTERS*, Gallery 52

- 2020 *Mapplethorpe Before Portraits : Perfection of form.*, RestelliArtCo. Robert Mapplethorpe. Selected by Robert Wilson, Galerie Thomas Schulte

*"small is beautiful II"*, Mai 36 Galerie

*Cabinet Da-End X*, Galerie DA-END

*BOUND FOR GLORY: Rare Artist's Books, Catalogues & Ephemera*, Gallery 52

*30 YEARS PARIS*, Thaddaeus Ropac

*PARIS PHOTO*, Johannes Faber

*"Category Is..."*, Pop Fine Art

*Objet d'Art & Ephemera*, Gallery 52

- 2019 *Implicit Tensions: Mapplethorpe Now*, Guggenheim Museum

*Robert Mapplethorpe*, Mai 36 Galerie

*Deck the Walls*, Catherine Couturier Gallery

*Masters of Photography*, Huxley-Parlour

*Robert Deyber Exhibition & Meet The Artist*, Martin Lawrence Galleries  
*Implicit Tensions: Mapplethorpe Now*, Guggenheim Museum

*The Last Picture Show*, Scott Nichols Gallery

*#ArtWiseUP: Flowers In Spring*, ArtWise

*Ghostly Traces: Memory and Mortality in Contemporary Photography*, University of Denver, Victoria H. Myhren Gallery

*Celebrity, Notoriety & Interesting Characters*, 99Prints

- 2018 *New Year - New Art at RoGallery*, RoGallery

*Fálico Mágico?*, LAMB Arts

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- Secret Gay Box at the Tom of Finland Foundation*, John Wolf Art Advisory & Brokerage
- Autumn In Litchfield County*, Eckert Fine Art
- Spring Private Feature*, Eckert Fine Art
- 88:18 – the first year*, Mai 36 Galerie
- #ArtWiseUP: Photography*, ArtWise
- Mapplethorpe and Dureau: Photographs*, Arthur Roger Gallery
- Lichtempfindlich 2*, Fotografie Aus Der Sammlung Schaufler, Schauwerk Sindelfingen
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- 2017 *Robert Mapplethorpe*, Xavier Hufkens
- American Works on Paper*, Eckert Fine Art
- Noir: An Exploration. Monochromatic works in Black & White*, Thomas French Fine Art
- Erotic Stories*, Mirat
- Over The Rainbow*, Praz-Delavallade
- Group Exhibition*, Mai 36 Galerie
- Contemporary Classicism*, McCabe Fine Art
- American Cool*, Mirat
- 2016 *Robert Mapplethorpe*, McCabe Fine Art
- Robert Mapplethorpe - On the Edge*, ARoS Aarhus Art Museum
- Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Medium*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art
- Robert Mapplethorpe: The Perfect Medium*, J. Paul Getty Museum
- Human Condition*, John Wolf Art Advisory & Brokerage
- The Art of Scandal: What Might Isabella Stewart Gardner Collect Today?*, Childs Gallery
- Borrowed Light: Selections from the Jack Shear Collection*, Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery
- MAPPLETHORPE + MUNCH*, Munch Museum
- Artworks*, Cheim & Read
- The Most Influential Images of All Time*, Time Magazine
- DER ZWEITE BLICK - SAMMLUNG BROSKA*, Kunsthau Wiesbaden
- 2015 *ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE – femmes*, Mai 36 Galerie
- Robert Mapplethorpe*, Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art
- Dare You To Look: Radical Realizations in Portraiture*, Malin Gallery
- Printer's Proof: Thirty Years at Wingate Studio*, Wingate Studio
- MAI 36 SHOWROOM*, Mai 36 Galerie
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- 20 + 2 YEARS*, A3 Arndt Art Agency
- 2014 *Photography*, Joseph K. Levene Fine Art, Ltd.
- Auction for The Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation*, Wilding Cran Gallery
- 2013 *Image Search: Photography from the Collection*, Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM)
- Flowers & Mushrooms*, Museum der Moderne
- 2012 *Der nackte Mann*, Lentos Kunstmuseum
- 2011 *Polaroid (IM)POSSIBLE - THE WESTLICHT COLLECTION*, Westlicht - Schauplatz für Fotografie
- 2010 *The Visible Vagina*, David Nolan Gallery
- 2002 *NYC Sex: How New York City Transformed Sex in America*, Museum of Sex
- 1983 *New Art at the Tate Gallery*, The Tate Gallery