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MARC LAGRANGE

by Echo Fine Arts



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ONLINE EXHIBITION:

MARC LAGRANGE (1957-2015)
by Echo Fine Arts

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From December 10th, 2020 until January 31st, 2021, Echo Fine Arts is pleased to present its first online show featuring the work of renowned Belgian photographer Marc Lagrange (1957-2015). Five years after his passing, "Marc Lagrange by Echo Fine Arts" aims to honor the memory of this iconic figure of the early XXIst century photography. This solo exhibition revisits his exceptional talent for depicting breath-taking beauty and timeless elegance through over 30 sensual and evocative portraits selected from four collections: Senza Parole, Chocolate, Platinum, and his classic large format Studio Portraits. Aside from displaying inimitable style and his quest for the perfect synergy of aesthetic and emotion, the exhibition also sheds light on the amazing journey of his extensive career, from the glamour sets of *Diamonds & Pearls* to the sculptural simplicity of *Senza Parole*.



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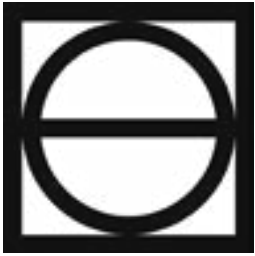
**“My settings are places for dreams,
for the imaginary to prevail.”**

Marc Lagrange



Taking a distinctive approach to the nude genre, Marc Lagrange meticulously composed timeless images - with each location and prop carefully chosen to enhance the subdued and revealing mood. This ambivalence sparks a sense of mystery which acts like an Ariadne thread throughout his body of work.

Articulated around four of his favoured techniques - Platinum-Palladium, Chocolate Polaroid, gelatin-silver print and large format archival pigment prints - , this exhibition offers the viewer a retrospective journey through the last 15 years of his career.



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Large Format Studio Portraits

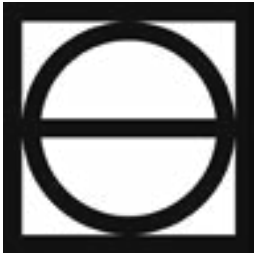
Building trust and chemistry with his models, he has defined the outline of a new type of feminine portraiture. Not submissive nor dominating, his models dare to gaze at the viewer right in the eye with outstanding self-assurance denuded from defiance. Lagrange has hence redefined the nude genre

Chocolate Collection

Marc Lagrange absolutely loved the Polaroid 100 Chocolate film, a limited and very rare edition that only landed in a few select hands. Its unique process is quite different from other Polaroid films. The Chocolate Polaroid was a perfect fit for his black and white aesthetics. While highlighting his trademark ethereal outlines, its warm chocolate brown shadows and creamy highlights enhanced the intimacy of each shot. Each portraits turns into an emotional and timeless painting.



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Platinum Collection

Revisiting Lagrange's most iconic photos, the Platinum Collection offers a more intimate alternative to his larger Diasec formats. Also called "platinotypes", these are photographic prints made by a monochrome printing process that provides the large & delicate tone range from warm black, to reddish brown, to expanded mid-tone grays. Being hand-coated, each print offers a unique result. The pigment being absorbed inside the paper, the reflective quality of the print is diffuse, and the absence of gelatin prevents any tendency to curl. Platinum prints are therefore considered as the most durable of all Photographic processes.



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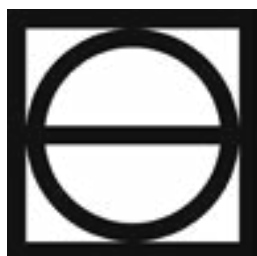
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Senza Parole

His final body of work, Senza Parole, can be viewed as a “parting gift”. Meditative and silent, it offers a more introspective approach to the nude genre. Fascinated with classic sculpture, Lagrange travelled Pietrasanta, Italy, to infuse his creative mind with codes of Italian aesthetic. Back home, the Handelsbeurs in Antwerp showed itself as an irresistible temptation to the artist, an architectural marvel if ever there was one. Borrowing postures from mannerism, he applied a dramatic chiaroscuro to his subject to enhance their monumental presence. Sensually melancholic, Senza Parole has carved Lagrange’s photographic style into posterity.



Curriculum-Vitae

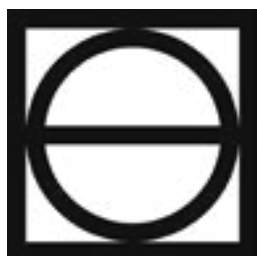
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Marc Lagrange

b. Kinshasa, Belgian Congo, 1957 - d. Tenerife, Spain, 2015

Selected Solo Shows

- 2020 Christmas Wonders by Marc Lagrange (The Netherlands)
- 2019 Chocolate Book Release, Antwerp (Belgium)
Chocolate Book Release, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- 2018 Chocolate Exhibition, Miami (USA)
Chocolate Exhibition, Knokke (Belgium)
Chocolate Exhibition, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Chocolate Exhibition, Antwerpen (Belgium)
- 2017 Hotel Maritime Room 58, Doornik - Tournai (Belgium)
- 2016 Timeless Beauty, Tongeren (Belgium)
Marc Lagrange Galerie Verdeau, Paris (France)
Senza Parole, Tribute to Marc Lagrange, Salzburg (Germany)
Senza Parole, Paris (France)
Senza Parole, Antwerpen (Belgium)
- 2015 Senza Parole, Antwerp (Belgium)
Senza Parole, Knokke (Belgium)
- 2014 Hotel Maritime, Knokke (Belgium)
- 2013 Diamonds & Pearls, Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke (Belgium)
Beauty and the Beast, Red Pinguin Gallery, Marbella (Spain)
Diamonds & Pearls, Galerie Mark Peet Visser, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Marc Lagrange Presenting New Artworks/Platinum Print, etc., Antwerp (Belgium)
- 2012 Eyes Wide Shut, Galerie Corrado Bortone, Paris (France)
Re-Opening XXML !!!, Königswinter (Germany)
New Works & Platinum, Leonhard's Gallery, Antwerp (Belgium)
3000m2, Extra Large Expo Marc Lagrange, Continuum Gallery Königswinter (Germany)
Retrospective, Young Gallery, Brussels (Belgium)
Marc Lagrange, Galerie Pierre Mahaux, Megève (France)
- 2008 Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke (Belgium)
LL gallery, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Lounge Art Gallery, Brussels (Belgium)
Kunst & Co, Amstelveen (Netherlands)
- 2007 Event Supper Club Amsterdam - Solo Expo
Absolute Art Gallery, Knokke (Belgium)
- 2006 Musée de la Photographie, Anvers (Belgium)



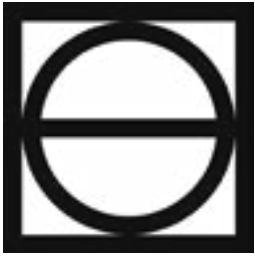
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Art Fairs & Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 Antwerp photo: iconobelge II (Belgium)
Clair-Obscur, Saint Tropez (France)
- 2019 The Photography Show, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
PAN Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Art Palm Springs (USA)
Photo LA, Los Angeles (USA)
- 2017 Pan Amsterdam
Zona Maco Photo (Mexico)
TEFAF, Maastricht (The Netherlands)
Art New York (USA)
- 2016 PAN Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
TEFAF, Maastricht (The Netherlands)
Palm Beach Show (USA)
Art Silicon Valley, San Francisco (USA)
- 2015 Art Breda (The Netherlands)
Kunstrai, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Art Silicon Valley, San Francisco (USA)
TEFAF, Maastricht (The Netherlands)
- 2014 Art Miami, Miami (United States)
Downtown Fair, New York (United States)
- 2013 Realisme Art Fair, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Art Ware House, Rotterdam (Netherlands)
Winter-Show, Brugge (Belgium)
Kunst Rai Art Fair, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
ArtMRKT, San Francisco (United-States)
- 2012 Realisme Art Fair, with Pien Rademakers, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Lxry Masters Fair, Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
Art Basel Miami, Miami (United-States)
L.A. Art Platform Fair, with Modern Book Gallery, Los Angeles (United-States)
PAN, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Art Cologne, Köln (Germany)
AAF, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
FOTOFEVER, Brussels (Belgium)
Art Platform, Los Angeles (United-States)
Art Hamptons, New York (United-States)
Kunst Rai, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- 2010 Brasschaat Donk-Patio, Antwerp (Belgium)
Fotofever Brussels, Brugge (Belgium)
- 2009 Polarized, Moscow (Russia)
Villa Amori, Laren (Netherlands)
Polarized, Antwerp (Belgium)
Villa Amori, Knokke (Belgium)
- 2009 Elizee.Lust.Iconen, Koksijde (Belgium)
- 2008 Kasteel van Brasschaat, Antwerp (Belgium)
SEL happening, Merelbeke (Belgium)
- 200 Houses of Art, Marbella (Spain)
Glas & Kunst, Goirle (Netherlands)
- 2006 Grand exposition FotoMuseum, Antwerp (Belgium)
Glas & Kunst, Goirle (Netherlands)
- 2004 Gallery Kunst&Co, Amstelveen (The Netherlands)
Gallery Les deux arts, Bruges (Belgium)
Le Boudoir, Antwerp (Belgium)
Twin expo Lagrange - Herman Brood, Art depot, Bonheiden (Belgium)
Casino Beringen (Belgium)
- 2003 Art Company Gallery, Eindhoven (Netherlands)
Art Depot, Bonheiden (Belgium)
- 2001 Twin expo Lagrange - Herman Brood, Art Depot, Bonheiden (Belgium)
- 2000 Fotohappening Guestphotographer, Kalmthout (Belgium)
- 1997 Casino Knokke Photo Biennale: Guest Photographer, Knokke (Belgium)

Publications

- Chocolate, TeNeues, 2019
Senza Parole, teNeues, 2016
Diamonds & Pearls, TeNeues, 2013
XXML, Lido, 2012
Polarized, Ludion Editions, 2009
Sublimes, YB Editions, 2008
Lust, Tectum, 2008
Chateau Lagrange, Geert Stadeus, 2006



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