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François Meyer, Roy Lichtenstein, 1977, Coll. Würth, Inv. 7129

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ART faces

**ARTIST PORTRAITS
IN THE WÜRTH COLLECTION**
18/02/2019 - 14/03/2020

Within the genre of portraiture, portraits of artists are some of the most enigmatic, because they reveal the personality of artists whom we only know through their work. Regardless of whether the creator is a writer, a musician, a painter, or a sculptor, we tend to wonder inwardly: who is hidden behind this work? What do the photographs of the great 20th-century and contemporary artists tell us - and what new information can they reveal?

And in portraying such influential figures, what sides to their personality have the photographers captured?

The exhibition "Art Faces" began with the work of the Swiss photographer François Meyer, who, driven by that very curiosity about the person concealed behind a work of art, took on the ambitious project of creating a collection of photographs portraying artists. Meyer, who has been in constant contact with the art world since childhood (his father was an art collector), began collecting his photographs in 1975, when he worked as a photographer for the art world, collaborating with such magazines as L'Oeil, Connaissance des Arts, Architectural Digest, and Elle Decor. Meyer does not seek to take impromptu, spontaneous snapshots, but rather compositions resulting from in-depth reflection. In his portraits he establishes a relationship from behind the lens between the world of photography and that of art, and his photographs depict the art scene of the 1970s as a kaleidoscope coloured by the spirit of the time.

Jean Dieuzaide Salvador Dalí, s.d.
Coll. Würth, Inv.7055

Among these are Arnold Newman (1918-2006), who portrayed Piet Mondrian in a severe, vertical work that follows the compositional criteria of the de Stijl; Herbert List (1903-1975), who took the brilliant photograph of Marino Marini on one of his famous horses; Michel Sima (1912-1987), who took the double photograph of Marcel Duchamp and Man Ray, captured while playing chess; the French photographer Denise Colomb (1902-2004), who portrayed the Surrealist painters Leonora Carrington and Leonor Fini; and August Sander (1876-1964), the chronicler of German interwar society who immortalised Otto Dix in one of the oldest photographs in the collection.

Sam Francis, Composition, 1973
Coll. Würth, Inv. 3474

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Arnold Newman, Piet Mondrian, 1942
Coll. Würth, Inv. 7147

While moving through the exhibition, visitors find themselves face to face with portraits whose sequence retraces the history of art through the faces and gazes of the people who made that history great. According to the Director of the Würth Collection, C. Sylvia Weber:

"the names of the artists portrayed represent not only the most prominent figures of the art world; in many cases, they coincide perfectly with the artistic expression of the Würth Collection".



François Meyer, Roy Lichtenstein, 1977, Coll. Würth, Inv. 7129

R Meyer began with 80 portraits, including those of Sonia Delaunay, Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Wilfredo Lam, Richard Serra, and other famous artists. Often his photographs are unconventional: Tom Wesselmann is immortalised in front of one of his large nudes, right between the legs of the model in his painting; David Hockney, photographed sitting beside his self-portrait, is doubled on two planes of reality - photography and painting; Andy Warhol is portrayed as a man, not a star of the media, in a photograph devoid of all glamour.



Arnold Newman, 1918-2006

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Michel Sima, 1912-1987

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All'interno del genere della ritrattistica, il ritratto d'artista è uno dei più enigmatici poiché ci svela la personalità di un artista che conosciamo unicamente attraverso le sue opere. A prescindere dal fatto che l'autore sia uno scrittore, un musicista, un pittore o uno scultore, si tende intimamente a chiedersi: chi si cela dietro quest'opera? Cosa raccontano - e cosa possono rivelare di inedito - le fotografie scattate ai grandi artisti del Novecento e dei giorni nostri?

Cosa hanno colto della personalità di queste figure così influenti, i fotografi che li hanno ritrattati?

La mostra "Art Faces" ha inizio dall'opera del fotografo svizzero François Meyer che, spinto proprio dalla curiosità nei confronti della persona che si cela dietro un'opera d'arte, intraprende l'ambizioso progetto di realizzare una collezione di fotografie di ritratti d'artista. François Meyer, in continuo contatto con il mondo dell'arte fin dalla sua infanzia (il padre era un collezionista d'arte), inizia a raccogliere le sue opere nel 1975, quando lavora come fotografo per il mondo dell'arte e collabora con riviste quali L'Oeil, Connaissance des Arts, Architectural Digest e Elle Decor. Meyer non intende realizzare scatti improvvisati o sul momento, bensì composizioni oggetto di approfondite riflessioni. Nei suoi ritratti instaura, dietro l'obbiettivo, un rapporto tra il mondo della fotografia e quello dell'arte e, attraverso le sue foto, la scena artistica degli anni Settanta viene rappresentata come un caleidoscopio colorato dallo spirito del tempo.



Jean-Michel Basquiat - Untitled, 1984
Coll. Würth, Inv. 5978



Herbert List, Marino Marini, 1952
Coll. Würth, Inv. 7138

La mostra presso l'Art Forum Würth Capena espone una selezione di oltre 100 fotografie di 32 fotografi, accompagnata da alcune opere originali della Collezione Würth di artisti come Jean-Michel Basquiat, Andy Warhol, Max Ernst, Jean Arp, Salvador Dalí, David Hockney, Keith Haring, Sam Francis.

Le sale espongono opere e fotografie insieme, creando un percorso che fa da compendio all'idea di Meyer di vincolare l'artista alla sua opera.

Percorrendo la mostra il visitatore si trova face to face con ritratti la cui sequenza propone un viaggio nella grande Storia dell'Arte attraverso i visi e gli sguardi delle persone che la hanno resa tale. Secondo la Direttrice della Collezione Würth C. Sylvia Weber:

"i nomi degli artisti ritratti non rappresentano solo i

riferimenti di maggior spicco del mondo dell'arte, ma in molti casi coincidono perfettamente con l'espressione artistica della Collezione Würth".



Monique Jacot, Niki de Saint Phalle, 1963-64
Coll. Würth, Inv. 7199

**Fotografi
Photographers**

Christian Baur, Jacques Béant, Kurt Blum, Frederic Boissonas, Philippe Bonan, Jean-Christian Boucart, Martin P. Bühler, Denise Colomb, Pierre Descargues, Jean Dieuzaide, Paul Fachetti, Luc Fournol, Gianfranco Gorgoni, Michael Halsband, Monique Jacot, Benjamin Katz, Michael Lavine, Herbert List, Erling Mandelmann, Oliver Mark, François Meyer, Inge Morath, Arnold Newman, André Ostier, Sebastiano Piras, August Sander, Ernst Scheidegger, Michel Sima, Nicholas Sinclair, Sabine Weiss, Kurt Wyss, James van der Zee.

Artisti Artists

Hans (Jean) Arp, Enrico Baj, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Max Bill, Bernand Buffet, Sandro Chia, Salvador Dalí, Sonia Delaunay-Terk, Max Ernst, Sam Francis, Keith Haring, Hans Hartung, David Hockney, Roy Lichtenstein, Gabriele Münter, Andy Warhol.