HERB RITTS: L.A. Style
at The Ringling
February 23, 2013 – May 19, 2013

Born in 1952, Herbert (Herb) Ritts first worked in his father’s Los Angeles furniture store before attending Bard College in New York, majoring in economics and art history. He became interested in photography after photographing his friend and then aspiring actor Richard Gere. Borrowing from classical sculpture, his hallmark style was uncluttered frames and clean, crisp lines utilizing light and shadow as form. He became wildly popular in Hollywood during the 1980s and 1990s and photographed mega-stars such as Diane Ross, Michael Jackson, Nicole Kidman, Cher, Elizabeth Taylor, Elton John, Madonna, Steven Hawking and Tina Turner, just to name a few.

General Collection
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*The Indomitable spirit: [photographers and artists respond to the time of AIDS]*. New York: Photographers + Friends United Against AIDS, 1990.


**Articles**


"*First-class Cabin - When photographer Herb Ritts first envisioned a simple log retreat high on a Santa Fe Mountain, he forgot to factor in one force of nature, his mother. For her, Hamish Bowles finds rusticity doesn't preclude luxury.*" Vogue. (1996): 298.


Electronic Resources
http://www.artandantiquesmag.com/2012/04/fashion-photography-herb-ritts/

http://www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org/explore/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/details/182-herb-ritts-la-style


http://www.vogue.com/voguepedia/Herb_Ritts
Herb Ritts Selected Exhibitions

2010, Revealed: The Tradition of Male Homoerotic Art, Central Connecticut State University Art Galleries, New Britain, CT.

Thanks for Being With Us: Contemporary Art from the Douglas Nielsen Collection, Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, Arizona.


2009, Ingres and the Moderns, Musée Ingres, Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec, Quebec, Canada.


This Side of Paradise: Body and Landscape in L.A. Photographs, The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA.

Herb Ritts and Horst P. Horst, Robert Klein Gallery, Boston, MA.


All For Art! Great Private Collections Among US, Musée des Beaux Arts, Montreal, Canada.

OCULTOS (Hidden), Fundacion Canal, Madrid, Spain.


Celebrity Photographs 2007, Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA(solo).

Sans Regard: Collection Dancing Bear of W.M. Hunt, Musée de l’Elysée, Lausanne, Switzerland.


25 Years: Fay Gold Anniversary Exhibition, Fay Gold Gallery, Atlanta, GA.

Chronos: Time in Art From the 17th Century to the Modern Day, Il Filatoio, Caraglio, Italy.

Speaking With Hands: Photographs from The Buhl Collection, Guggenheim Museum Bilbao, Bilbao, Spain.

2004, Herb Ritts, Museum of Art & History, Shunan City, Japan(solo).

Body, Staton Greenberg Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA.

Platinum, Galleria abOrigena, Milan, Italy.

Photo-Icon, Arte Fino, Zurich, Switzerland.

2003, Herb Ritts Memorial Exhibition, Fahey/Klein Gallery, Los Angeles, CA(solo).

Herb Ritts, Daimaru Museum, Kyoto, Japan(solo).

Masterworks in Platinum, Camera Obscura, Denver, CO.

Archeology of Elegance, International Hall of Photography, Hamburg, Germany.

2001, Cartier, NRW Forum, Düsseldorf, Germany; traveling to: Galleria Carla Sozzani, Milan, Italy.

The Portrait / The Nude III, Fahey/Klein Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

Herb Ritts - NRW-Forum Kultur und Wirtschaft, Dusseldorf, Germany(solo).
2000, Herb Ritts, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome, Italy (solo).

Herb Ritts: Photographien, Camerawork Gallery, Berlin, Germany.

Masterminds of Mode: International Fashion Festival, Kobe Fashion Museum, Kobe, Japan.


Herb Ritts: Work, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO (solo).

Addressing the Century: 100 Years of Art & Fashion, Kunstmuseum Wolfsburg, Wolfsburg, Germany.


Herb Ritts: Photographs, SK Josefsberg Studio, Portland, OR (solo).

Waterproof/A Prova de Agua, Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon, Portugal.


Africa, Albany Museum of Arts, Albany, GA.


Selected Public Collections

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA.

Wessel + O’Connor Fine Art, Brooklyn, NY.

Museum of Art & History, Shunan City, Japan.
Musée de l’Élysée, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA.

Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY.

International Hall of Photography, Hamburg, Germany.

Kobe Fashion Museum, Kobe, Japan.

Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL.

Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, IL.

Daimaru Museum, Tokyo, Japan.

Museo Nazionale del Cinema, Turin, Italy.

Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson, Arizona.


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