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FROM SEPTEMBER 29TH TO OCTOBER 28TH 2016, PHOTO12 GALERIE PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION DEDICATED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK OF GIOVANNI GASTEL

For the first time in France, Photo12 Galerie is exhibiting the Italian photographer Giovanni Gastel.

A major photographer within the fashion world, Giovanni Gastel is known for his regular contributions in numerous magazines and his exhibitions in major Museums in Italy.

His unique style, characterized by a controlled irony and an acute sense of staging, creates a playful and poetic universe.

The exhibition brings together thirty iconic prints around a central theme: the woman.



Untitled (Parrot), 2008  
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*« I'VE ALWAYS ESTABLISHED TIES BETWEEN POETRY AND PHOTOGRAPHY, AND FOUND CERTAIN CHARACTERISTIC ELEMENTS OF MY LOVE FOR POETRY THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY: THE CONCISENESS, THE NECESSITY TO CONCENTRATE ALL INTERPRETATIONS WITHIN A BRIEF IMAGE CHARGED WITH A CERTAIN SENSIBILITY... I TRY TO DO POETRY THROUGH MY PICTURES. »*



Untitled, Milano, 2007  
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GIOVANNI GASTEL

# BIOGRAPHY



Giovanni Gastel was born in Milan in 1955, to Giuseppe Gastel and Ida Visconti di Modrone, the sister of the famous film maker Luchino Visconti, who in turn provided young Giovanni with his first exposure to the arts. Encountering photography in the 1970s and making first contact with the medium was a true revelation for the young artist.

In 1981, his career had its first turning point when he met his future agent Carla Ghiglieri. She introduced Gastel to the fashion world and the young photographer started to work for famous magazines such as *Annabella*, *Vogue Italia*, *Mondo Uomo*, and *Donna*.

His artistic arrival came in 1997, when the Triennale di Milano dedicated a solo exhibition to him curated by the contemporary art historian Germano Celant, in which about 200 pictures were shown and evidenced his long and prolific career.

In Italy his reputation is on par with major international fashion photographers such as Annie Leibovitz, Mario Testino, and Mario Sorrenti. Before his mother's death, Gastel declined to work outside of Italy in order to spend time with her, but since then he has divided his time between Milan and New York, where he has become one of the officially appointed staff photographers for *Harpers International Magazine*.

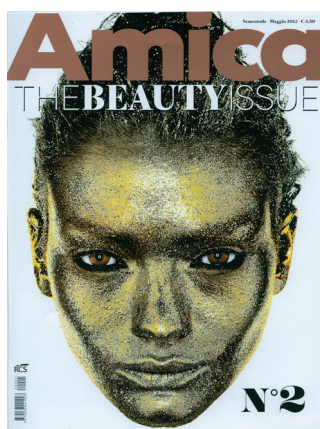
Monica Bellucci, Naomi Campbell, and Linda Evangelista have posed for the artist's sensitive and unique eye. He works regularly for *Glamour* (Italia), *Vanity Fair* (Italy) *ELLE Decor* (Italia), and *Harpers Magazines International* (US).

A major exhibition devoted to Gastel will be held at Milan's new photography museum Palazzo della Ragione from September through December 2016, curated by Germano Celant.

# MAJOR EXHIBITIONS

- 1984** Milan, Castello Sforzesco, *Arte, Scienza e Creatività nella fotografia immediata*
- 1986** Milan, Diaframma Gallery, *Fashion in still life, soloshow*
- 1987** Milan, Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnica, *Trussardi e Gastel 1982-1987*, soloshow
- 1991** Palermo, *Il mondo di Nicola Trussardi nelle immagini di Giovanni Gastel*, soloshow  
Milan, Via della Spiga, *Gastel per Donna*, soloshow by Gisella Borioli  
Milan, *Gioielli della Fantasia*, soloshow
- 1996** Milan, Palazzo della Triennale, *Krizia quarant'anni di moda*
- 1997** Milan, Palazzo della Triennale, *La fotografia velata*, soloshow, by Germano Celant
- 1998** Milan, Il Diaframma Gallery, *Giovanni Gastel*  
Milan, Palazzo della Triennale, *A noir*, by Franca Sozzani for *Vogue Italia*
- 1999** Modena, Galleria Civica, *Tavole fotografiche: Fontana, Gastel, Scianna: immagini di cibo*
- 2004** London, Harrods, *Giovanni Gastel*, soloshow
- 2005** Milan, Rotonda della Besana, *Lo sguardo italiano. Fotografie italiane di moda dal 1951 ad oggi*
- 2006** Pordenone, *In hoc signo*  
Milan, My Own Gallery, *Lucchini-Gastel visioni parallele*
- 2007** Milan, Casello Ovest di Porta Venezia, *Curve pericolose*  
Milan, My Own Gallery, *Unreal flower*  
Rome, Accademia L'Oreal, *Genesi nello spazio*  
Turin, Fondazione Sandretto Re Rebaudengo, *Genesi nello spazio*
- 2008** Milan, Palazzo del Ghiaccio, *About J*
- 2009** Parigi, Accademia L'Oreal, *Genesi nello spazio*  
Milan, Palazzo della Ragione, *Maschere e Spettri*, soloshow by Germano Celant
- 2011** Milan, Palazzo delle Regioni, 54° Biennale di Venezia Padiglione Italia, by Vittorio Sgarbi  
Milan, Studio Visconti Gallery, *Cose viste*, soloshow by Francesco Porzio  
Milan, Palazzo Serbelloni, *Master's Hands*, project by Fratelli Rossetti
- 2012** New York, Bosi Contemporary, *Masks and Ghosts*, selection of works presented at Milan, Palazzo della Ragione in 2009  
Milan, Fondazione Stelline Spazio Aperto, *Rosso/Red/Rojo*, with Mario Arlati  
Spilimbergo, CRAF, Premio Friuli Venezia Giulia 2012, with Roberto Kusterle  
Massa Marittima, soloshow at Toscana Photo Festival by Franco Fontana  
Paris, Paris Photo, Photo & Contemporary Gallery fiera internazionale  
Milan, M&D Art Gallery, by Flaminio Gualdoni
- 2013** Turin, Ersel, soloshow by Valerio Tazzetti, Photo & Contemporary Gallery  
Milan and Rome Palazzo Serbelloni and Auditorium della Musica, *Giovanni Gastel for Piccolo Principe*  
Milan, MIA Art Fair, Photo & Contemporary Gallery
- 2014** Rome, del CembaloGallery, *Doppio Gioco* with Toni Thorimbert, by Giovanna Calvenzi  
Paris, Paris Photo, Photo & Contemporary Gallery
- 2015** Milan, Fabbrica del Vapore, *Rolling Stone - Le 100 facce della musica italiana*, soloshow  
Milan, MIA Art Fair, Polaroids  
Milan, Palazzo della Triennale, *Arts & Foods*, by Germano Celant  
Bibbiena, Polaroids soloshow by Giovanna Calvenzi  
Turin, Ersel, "Angeli Caduti- Un eterno istante", soloshow by Valerio Tazzetti e Paola Giubergia

# COVERS



# VISUALS FOR PRESS USE



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Untitled, Roma, 2008 (Vanity Fair)  
Pigment print on cotton Fine Art paper  
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Shalom, 1990  
Pigment print on cotton Fine Art paper, 180 x 150 cm  
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Untitled, Milano, 2007 (Genesi nello spazio)  
Pigment print on cotton Fine Art paper  
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Untitled, 1997  
Polaroid film and gold leaf on  
paper, 25 x 20 cm, unique  
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Untitled (Parrot), 2008  
Pigment print on cotton Fine Art paper, 40 x 30 cm  
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# PHOTO12 GALERIE



Photo12 Galerie, founded by Valérie-Anne Giscard D'Estaing, specializes in pictorial photography and contemporary figurative photography by international artists with a humanistic focus. Represented artists include Jean-Marie Périer, Clark & Pougnaud, Nicolas Baghir and Christopher Thomas.

The gallery is distinguished by its commitment to the image and the aesthetic and societal discourse generated by it.

Photo12 Galerie organizes exhibitions in the gallery, contributes to the dissemination of artistic work by organizing exhibitions with other galleries internationally through the program "Hors Les Murs," and participates in international art fairs including Art Paris Art Fair, Photo Shanghai, Photo L.A, and Art Élysées.

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