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The Opéra, Volume II: Magazine For Classic & Contemporary Nude Photography



Synopsis

Nude photography is once again the theme for the second issue of *The Opéra*, a new annual magazine edited by Matthias Straub that presents the body as both performer and locus of interpretation. Here, a broad swath of international photo artists explores the endless uniqueness of the human body. The contributing photographers include Alexey Dubinsky, Andrea Häbner, Brian Riley, Hannes Caspar, Li Hui, Olivier Ameur, Fridolin Schöpfer, Ilja Keizer, Neda Rajabi, Rachel de Joode, Stefan Milev, Christy Lee Rogers, Igor Vasiliadis, Michael Taylor, Sam Scott Schiavo, Thorsten Jankowski, Torkil Gudnason, Armando Branco, Jessica Tremp, Michelle Lowe Holder, Olaf Breuning, Yves Noir, Carla van de Puttelaar, Carsten Witte, Grace Vane Perry, Nicolas Guerin and Pascal Renoux, among others.

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This periodical offers such a variety of visions that no one description could cover them all. It starts with undated B&W photos by Trude Fleischmann, possibly as early as 1920s. They offer simple statements of womanly grace, but with enough muscle definition to hint at hidden power, too. Their romantic mood contrasts with Ilja Keizer's stark, frontal portraits, Durgin's organic abstractions, De Joode's baffling constructions, and Dubinsky's contrasts of warm human tones and curves against subdued landscapes or urban decay. Riley and Schopper offer romantic male nudes - interesting in the context of largely female models, but away from the center of my interest. And these examples represent only some of the range presented; I omit the others only for brevity. I like the format. Heavy paper and fine printing demonstrate impeccable production values. Each artist gets enough

space to show some of their gamut, but enough different artists and styles appear to give the thinking viewer something to ponder. Although generally un-self-conscious about all aspects of nudity, this never titillates or confronts the viewer. I could only wish for a bit more description, though. The images have been allowed to speak for themselves, even when a few words of commentary or background could have added insight. And, for some reason, the models remain nameless. Knowing even a first name would have made the imagery more personal for me. Still, the imagery commands attention. And, as with so many of the finest pictures in any medium, each viewing offers a new perspective.-- wiredweird

Congrats to the crew/staff at The Opera Magazine. The first one blew my mind. I was really hoping it wasn't going to be a fluke on issue #2. Some of the best photographers in the world showcasing just a snip bit of their work. I am looking forward to the future of this beautiful magazine. Wish it was monthly ;)

Great book in every way!!!

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