



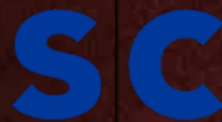
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**Rick Castro: Baal  
Retrospective . 1986 – 2025**

**September 5 – October 4, 2025**

**Opening: Thursday, September 4, 7 – 9.30 pm**

**Semjon Contemporary, Berlin**





## Rick Castro – Baal Retrospective . 1986 – 2025

We are pleased to announce the first German solo exhibition of the US-American photographer Rick Castro from Los Angeles.

His first works have already been presented in three group exhibitions at Semjon Contemporary last year and this year. 2024: *sex sells – beyond the historical matrix (the female gaze on men & the male gaze on men)*; 2025: *\_re\_flection* and *Pop UP Semjon Contemporary* on Kalkreuthstraße on occasion of the Lesbisch-Schwules Stadtfest.)

One facet of the mirror

Rick Castro has deep roots in Los Angeles and immersed himself in the world of photography as a young man through his many years of work as a wardrobe stylist for various photographers. The world of photography became his own when he asked Joel-Peter Witkin, one of his clients, to recommend a camera for his own artistic photography. On the spur of the moment, they went to Witkin's local camera store in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and selected a Nikon FG.

Since then, Rick Castro has created his own world, independent of commissions (and there have been and continue to be many, including from renowned fashion houses) and the expectations that come with them.

The series of portraits of hustlers on Santa Monica Boulevard—accompanied by interviews he conducted—made him infamous. Bruce LaBruce became aware of him, and the two made the film *Hustler White*, which was shown at many international festivals, including the 1996 Berlinale, and has become part of the canon of gay culture.

But it is not only the hustler and fetish scene that fascinates him, but also everyday life in his neighborhood in Los Angeles, as the photographs on display here testify.

His unique visual language has a realism that, on the one hand, has a veristic, unvarnished quality due to his personal encounters with people, yet implies an openness that breathes a sensitive and, in my opinion, tender charm into the familiar and the unknown. A striking example might be *Mr. Bean Bag* from 1995, who rolled into the artist's life on his motorized skateboard as qui-

ckly as he disappeared again, or *The Goddess Bunny*, well-known and revered in the scene during the 1980s and 1990s, both iconic photographs, disturbing and dignified at the same time.

The fact that his work is currently on display at the Getty Museum underscores his authority as part of the contemporary photography and art world.

Collaborations with and for Gore Vidal, the Dalai Lama, Cartier and Rick Owens, Bottega Veneta, among others, testify to his multifaceted quality.

I am deeply moved by his work and surprised by my own decision, which I consider courageous, to introduce this artist and his work to the gallery's circle of friends, as well as to the Berlin, Germany, and international art world. People are used to my gallery program being predominantly focused on abstract and conceptual art. However, this section of the art world—which I believe to be enriching—has already announced itself through Stefan Thiel's *Gabinetto Segreto* 2013, Andreas Fux's *Innocence* 2022, *sex sells...* 2024, and this year's *Male Shibari* and *\_re\_flection*.

The serious world of abstraction has been joined by a new field that reflects society, clearly taking a stand for plurality and a colorful and diverse democratic society.

The world of abstraction can also be interpreted in this way if one engages with it mentally and with an open mind. No wonder that both are unacceptable to the regressive orange-brown world.

Semjon H. N. Semjon, July/ August 2025

### Save the date

*Hustler White*  
by Bruce La Bruce & Rick Castro (1995)

October 1st, 2025, 8 pm  
Klick-Kino (Klick Movie Theater)  
Rick Castro will be present! An Artist Talk is planned after the screening.









### Artist statement

When I think back of my beginnings with photography, it was all a desire to present my own vision. For approx. 13 years or so, I'd been working as a wardrobe stylist for numerous photographers, art directors editors and commercial producers. I worked everyday 16-18 hour days. Because there was no time, had few friends and little to no social life. At least that's how it felt.

I was interested to create my personal vision from start to finish. I owned a basic instamatic camera, and fooled around with that. While staying with one of my clients, the art photographer Joel~Peter Witkin in Albuquerque, NM, I asked him to suggest a camera for me.

Mr. Witkin took me to his favorite camera shop, (there was only one) and selected a Nikon FG. He thought this would be perfect for me, since it was as basic as they come.

During July of 1986, I was working with photographer Albert Sanchez.

During a break I took aside a new model I had discovered and brought into the shot.

A young, inexperienced Anthony Borden Ward, now known as Tony Ward.

I took Tony to the side of the studio and turned the set up light against the garage wall. I asked Tony if he would model leather gear a friend had made for me. Beautiful thick leather harness, gauntlets, mask and cod piece. I created a horsey tail from an old wig.

The results were pleasing to me, so I decided to continue pursuing photography.

Since I had been working with fashion and costumes for so long, I assumed my photography

would follow that subject. But when I looked at the results of my first few sessions they were harder than that. They had a docudrama, realistic look. A hard glamour.

I liked what I saw, so continued in that direction.

Since I already had a "mainstream" career, I decided to keep photography as my art. I would create whatever I wanted without restrictions from outside sources. This freedom was most important to me.

The collection presented here represents just a few of my images from 1986-2025. Some have never been seen.

I chose the title with the awareness of what it represents; honorific owner.

I proudly own my vision.

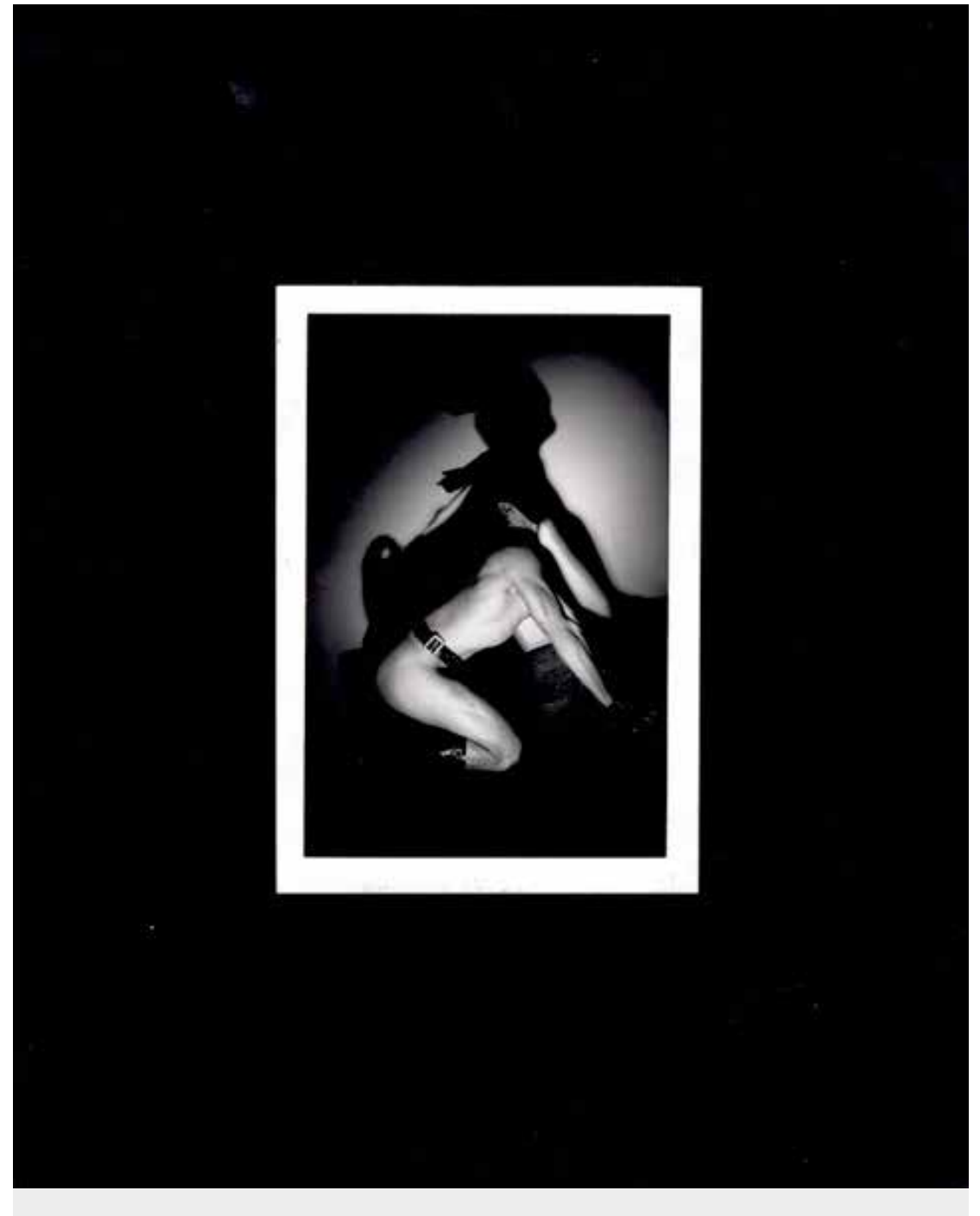
RICK CASTRO: BAAL – Retrospective (1986–2025) is my first solo exhibition in Germany. It will not my last. "Ich bin ein Berliner."

Rick Castro, June 2025

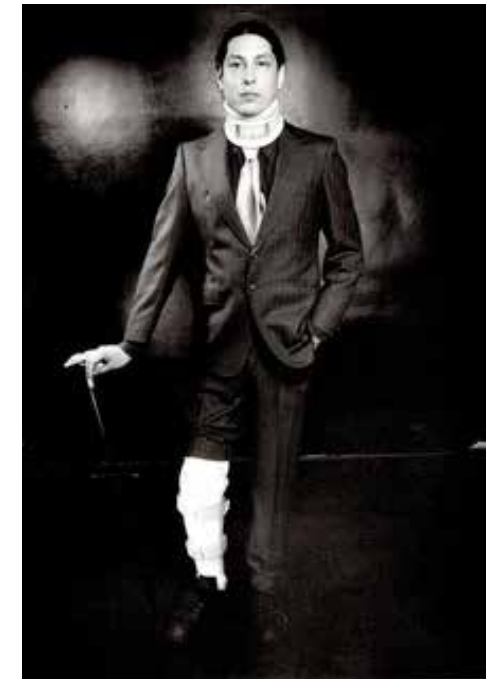




*Portrait of Sympathy*, 2014/ print 2024, 20 x 24" (50,8 x 60,2 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition of 6



*DOG*: Tony Ward, 1986, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique Rick Castro's first photograph!



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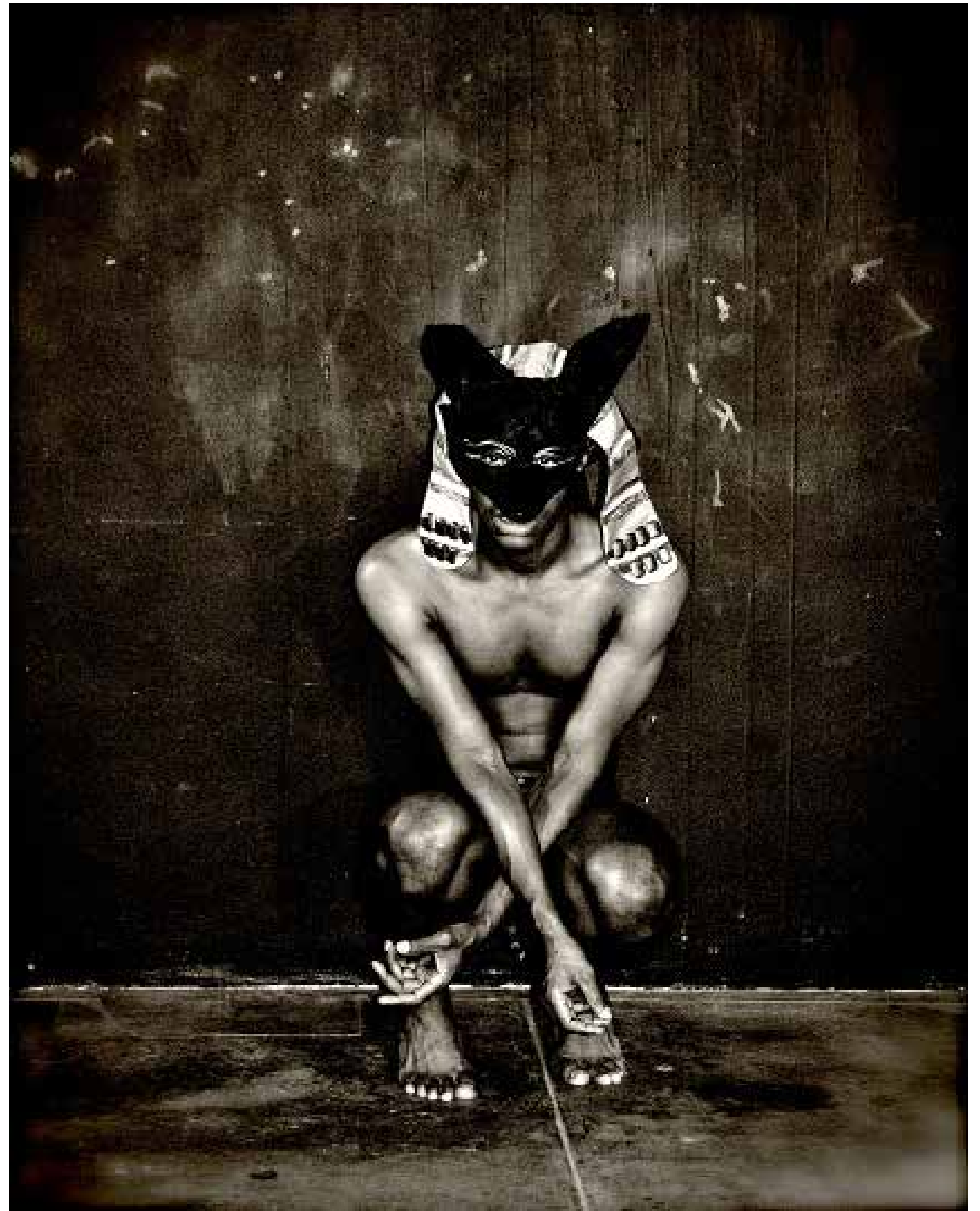
- 1: *The Bedouin*, 2014, 8 x 11" (27,9 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition 1/6
- 2: *Flawed Perfection*, 1990, 10 x 8" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), RC B&W print; unique
- 3: *Self Portrait: Broken Dandy*, 1999, 8 x 11" (20,3 x 27,9 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition 2/6
- 4: *Interiors Cast 1*, 2019, 8 x 11" (20,3 x 27,9 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition 1/6;
- 5: *obediah of Green Lake*, 2001, 8 x 10" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size) vintage matte B&W print; unique
- 6: *James & Pyewackett*, 1993, 8 x 10" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), vintage matte B&W print; unique

Left side: panel with 8 photographs



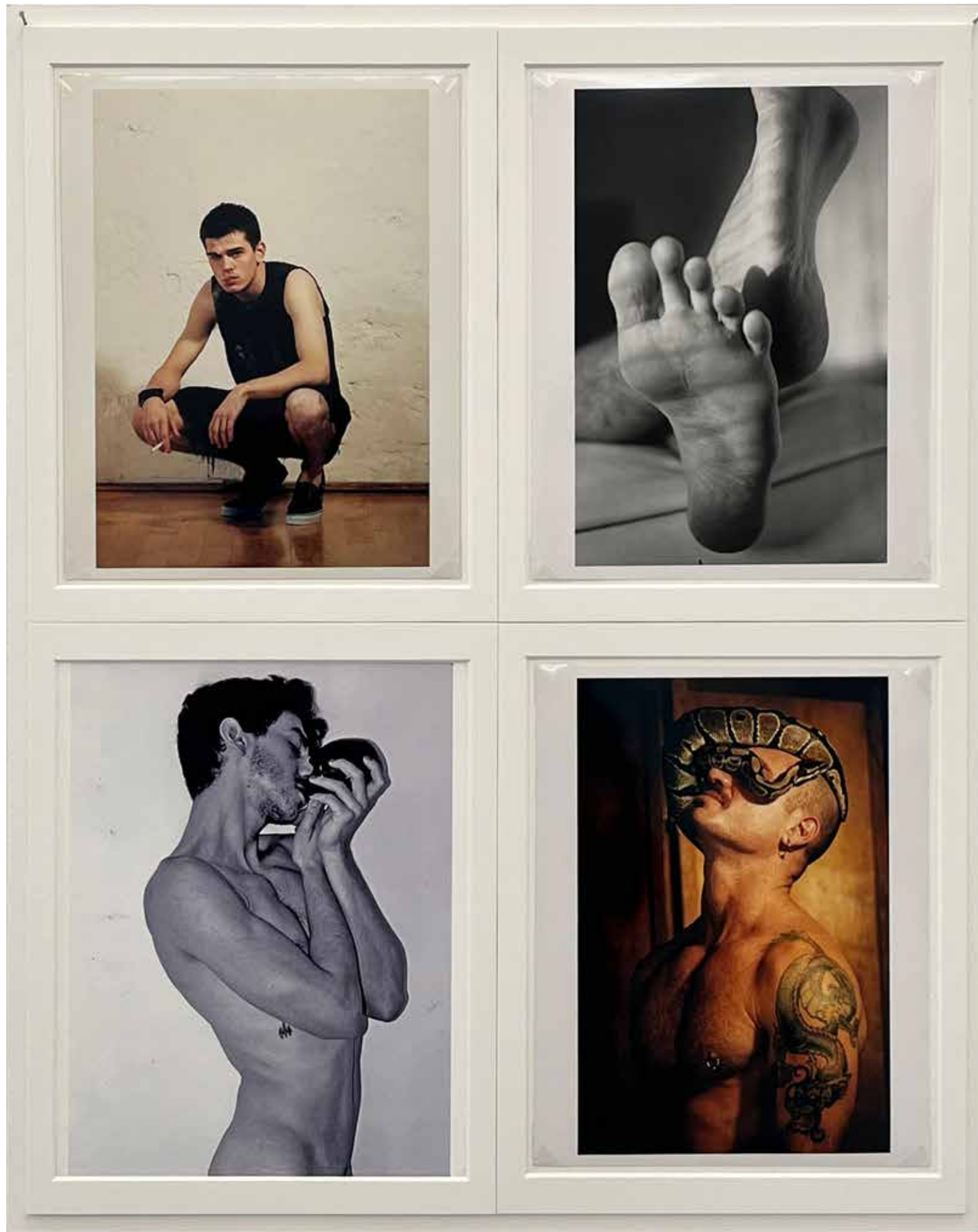


*Portrait of Al Castro for Rick Owens, 2014, 11 x 8" (27,4 x 21 cm, sheet size), archival digital print edition 2/6*



*Anubis, 1997, 11 x 8" (27,4 x 21 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition 1/6*



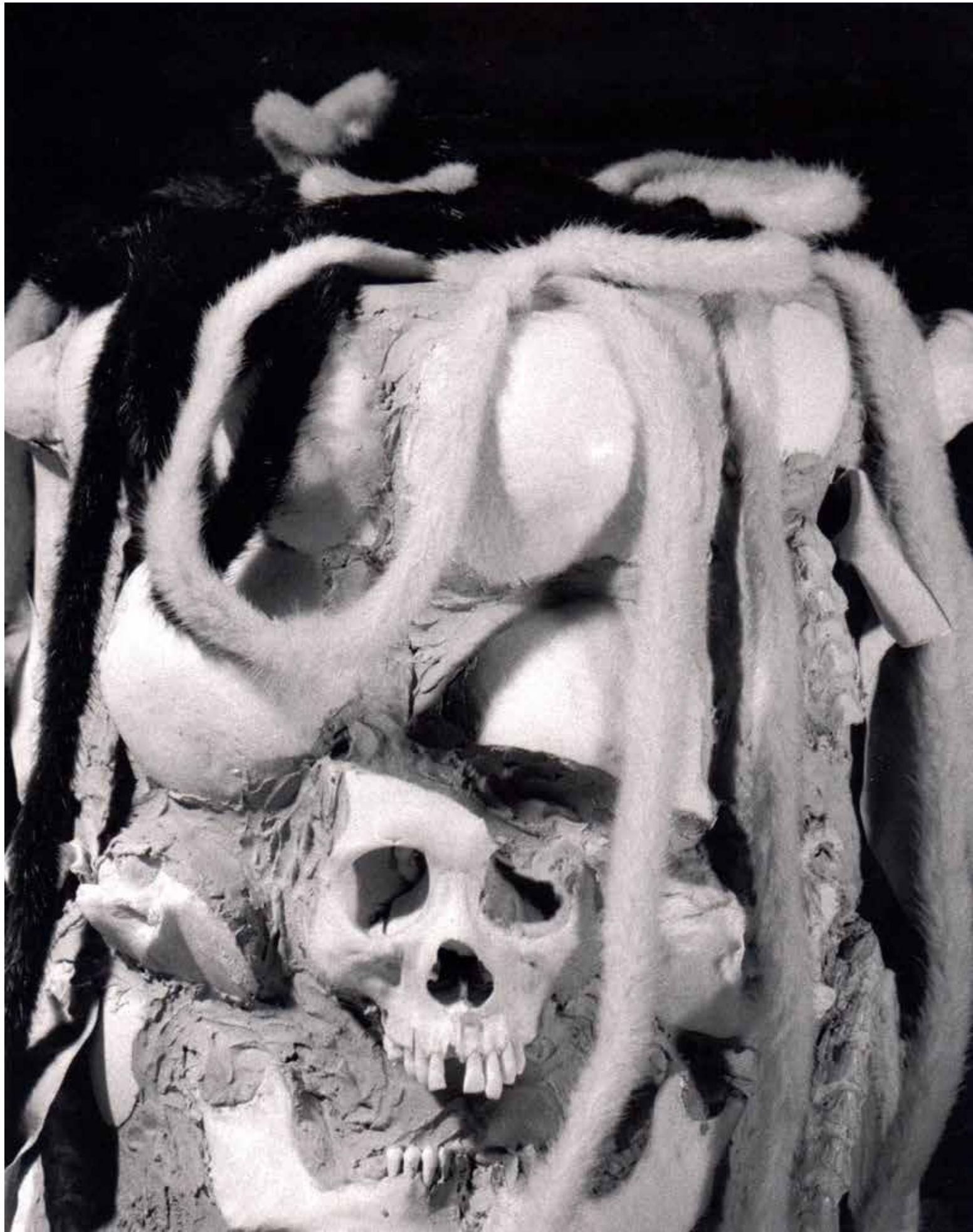


Top: During installation of the exhibition

Left side:

- 1: *Frenchie*, 1989, 10 x 8" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), vintage RC color print; unique
- 2: *Quentin Tarantino's Dream*, 2006, 10 x 8" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), vintage RC B&W print; unique
- 3: *Salvador*, 1989, 11 x 8" (27,9 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), Archival digital print; edition 1/6
- 4: *Serpent*, 1997, 10 x 8" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), vintage RC color print; unique

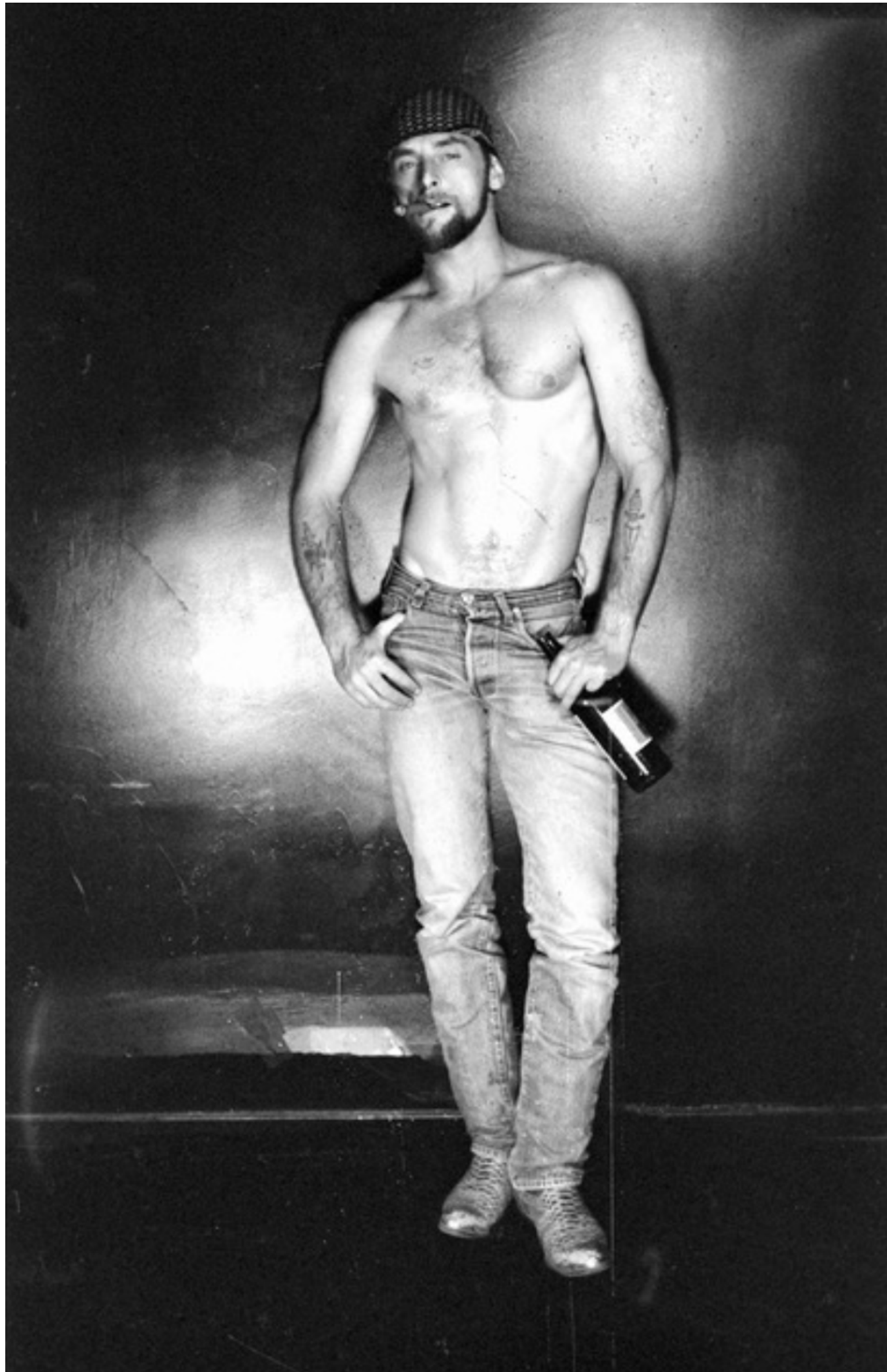




*The Pedestal of Gille de Rais, (Rick Castro for Rick Owens); 2008, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique; right side: installation view*







Top left: *The Beat Motel*; 2002, 10 x 8" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), vintage RC B&W print; unique  
 Top right: *The Beat Motel*, 2002, 10 x 8" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), vintage RC B&W print; unique

Left side: *Hustler Jeans*, 1994, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique











From top to bottom, from left to right:

- 1: *Tony Ward Dripping with Candle wax*, 1994, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique
- 2: *Holly Woodlawn: Portrait of a Superstar*, 1990, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage RC print; unique
- 3: *Heavy Metal Pup*, 2002, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique
- 4: *Left Handed*, 1993, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique
- 5: *Wrestler Daddy & Son*, 1996, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique

- 6: *Tony Ward Strung Up*, 1995, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique
- 7: *Content with Death II: (Portrait of a PWA) John Slaight*, 1988, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique
- 8: *BloodyChrist*, 1987, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique
- 9: *Mr. Guiche*, 1991, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique
- 10: *Bloodbath*, 1989, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique

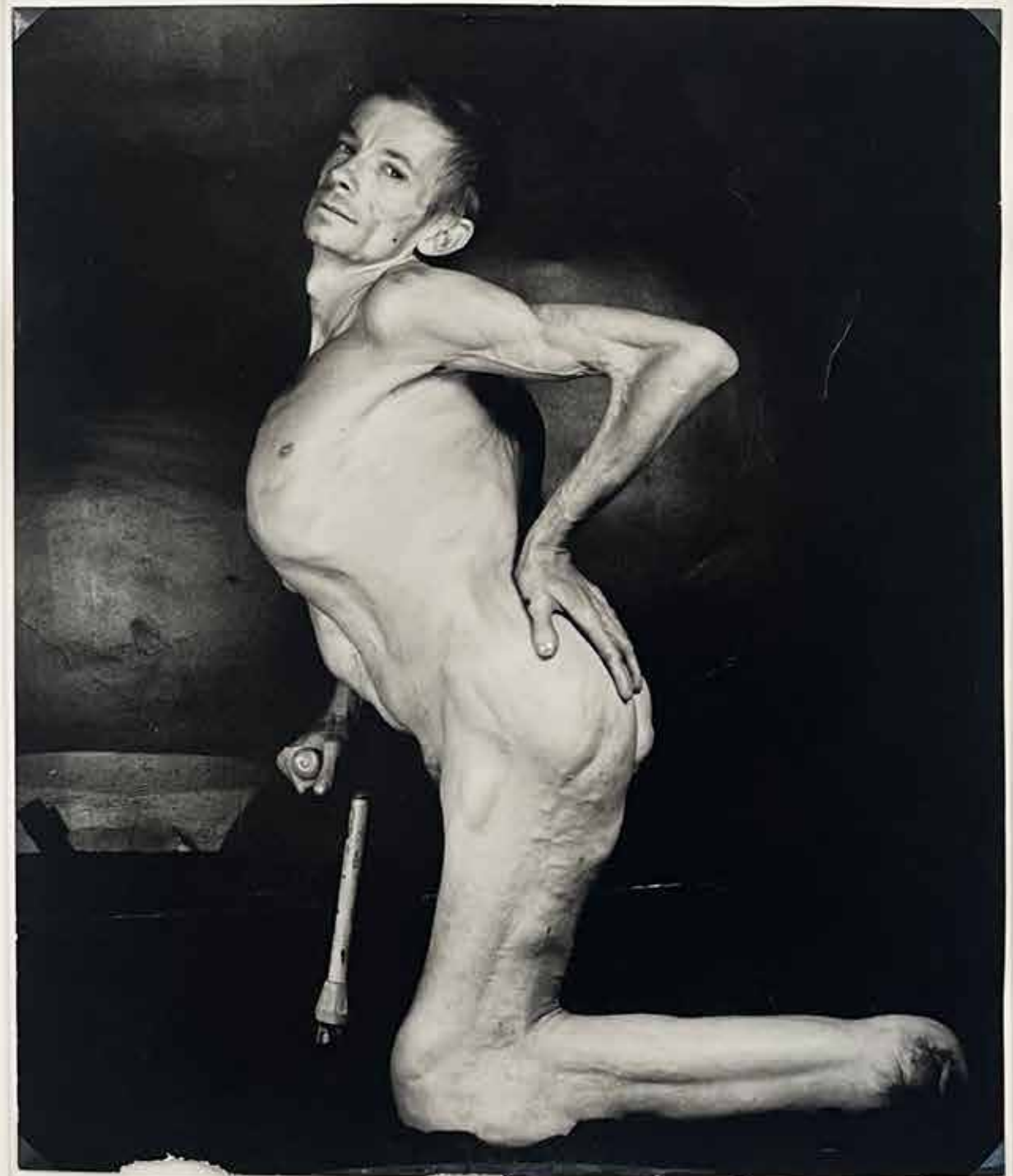








*The Goddess Bunny*, 1987, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique



*Mr. Bean Bag*, 1995, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique





*Hands of Prey*, 2004, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique





*I Give Good Foot*, 1994, 20 x 16" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique  
Left side: installation view





Top:

- 1: *Our Lad of Guadalupe*, 1992, 8 x 10" (25,4 x 20,3 cm, sheet size) vintage matte B&W print; unique
- 2: *The Dumb Supper*, 1991, 5 x 3,5" (12,7 x 8,9 cm, sheet size), vintage red sepia print; unique
- 3: *Mi Familia*, 1986, 6 x 4" (15,2 x 10,2 cm, sheet size), vintage sepia print; unique
- 4: *Super Hero Fetish*, 1997, 5 x 3.5" (12,7 x 8,9 cm, sheet size), vintage color print; unique

Left side: *Bee's Vase*, 2010, 11 x 8" (27,9 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition 2/6





Top: Rick Castro signing the gallery edition of *Gates of Hell*

*Left side: Gates of Hell*, 2025, 8.3 x 6.4" (21,2 x 16,2 cm, sheet size), archival digital print on Hahnemühle Photo Rag; special limited edition of 10 on occasion of his solo exhibition at Semjon Contemporary

There is also a different size as an edition of 6 (2025, 11 x 8" (27,9 x 20,3 cm, sheet size), archival digital print) and an edition of 6 in the size of 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), archival digital print







*Boxing* Martin O'Brien, 2023, 20 x 30" (76,2 x 50,8 cm, sheet size) archival rubberized print; edition 1/6

Double page: installation view at Schaulager (second room) towards Garten-Salon

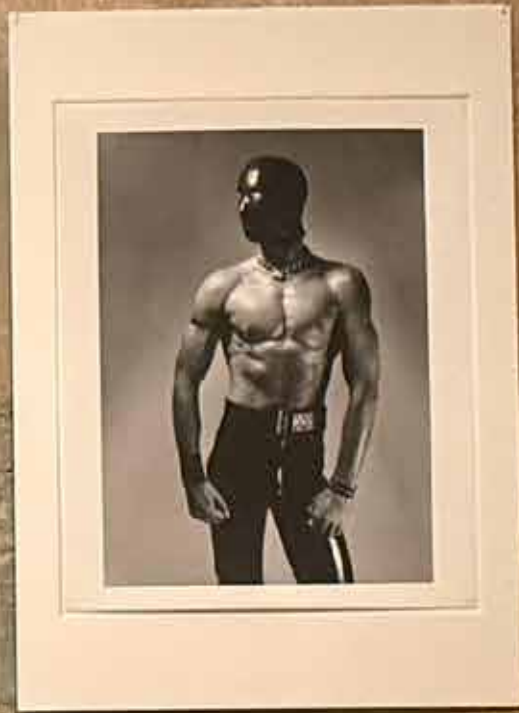


*Hodini's last trick*, 1992, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), silver gelatine print, unique

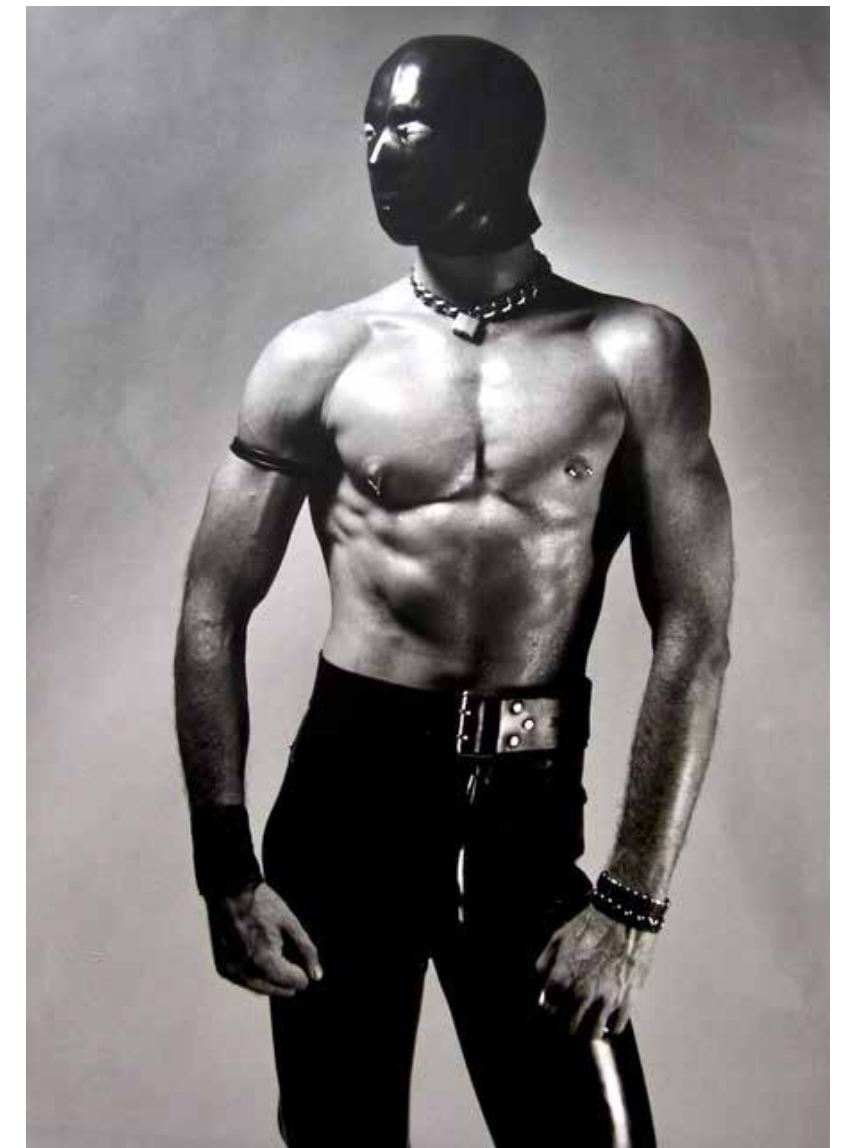




*Calligula's House Party*, 1989/print 2024, 27 x 40" (68,6 x 101,6 cm, sheet size), matte fiber print; edition 2/6







Double page: installation view at Schaulager (second room)

Top left: *21st Century Gladiator*, 1995, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique

Top right: *Rubber Executioner*, 1991, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique

Left side: *My Punishment*, 1995, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique



Top: *The Invisible Man Smokes*, 1995/print 2025, 14 x 11" (35,6 x 27,9 cm, sheet size) matte fiber print; edition 1/6

Left side:  
 1: *Blue*, 1987, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage blue sepia print; unique  
 2: *Blue 2*, 1987, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage blue sepia print; unique  
 3: *Tony Ward in String Bondage*, 1995, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage color print; unique  
 4: *Tony Ward Strung Up in Color*, 1995, 7 x 5" (17,8 x 12,7 cm, sheet size), vintage color print; unique





Top: *Tony Ward in String Bondage*, 1996, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique

Right side: installation view (part of the Garten-Salon/3rd room)

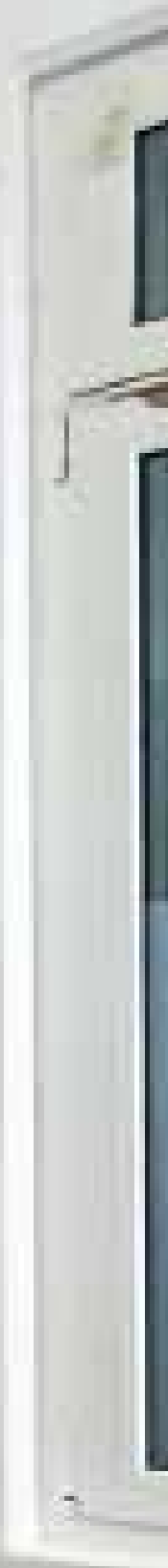
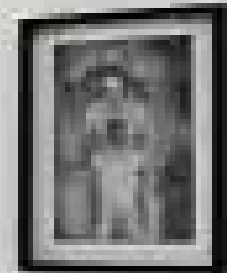
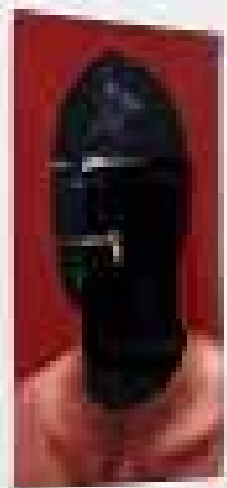




Top: Tony Ward as Biker Babe, 1995, 13 x 9,5" (33 x 34,1 cm, sheet size), archival color print  
edition of 3

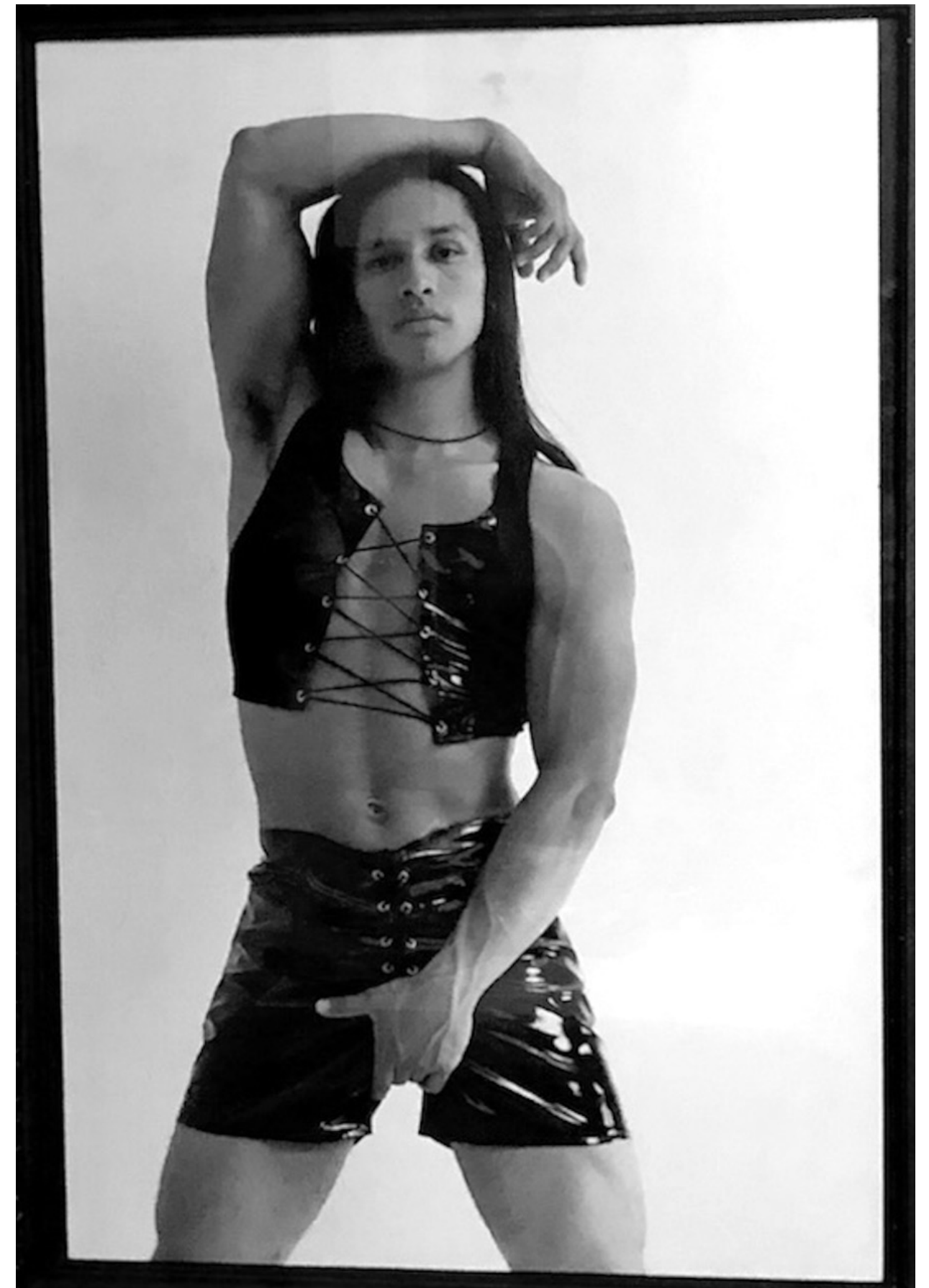
Left side: *Blaq Rok*, 2011/print 2024, 60 x 40" (152,4 x 101,6 cm, sheet size), archival rubberized print  
edition 1/6







*Spread Eagle*, 1997, 10 x 12" (25,4 x 30,5 cm, sheet size), vintage RC B&W print  
unique



*Wilber in PVC*, 1995, 30 x 20" (76,2 x 50,8 cm, sheet size), vintage RC print; unique

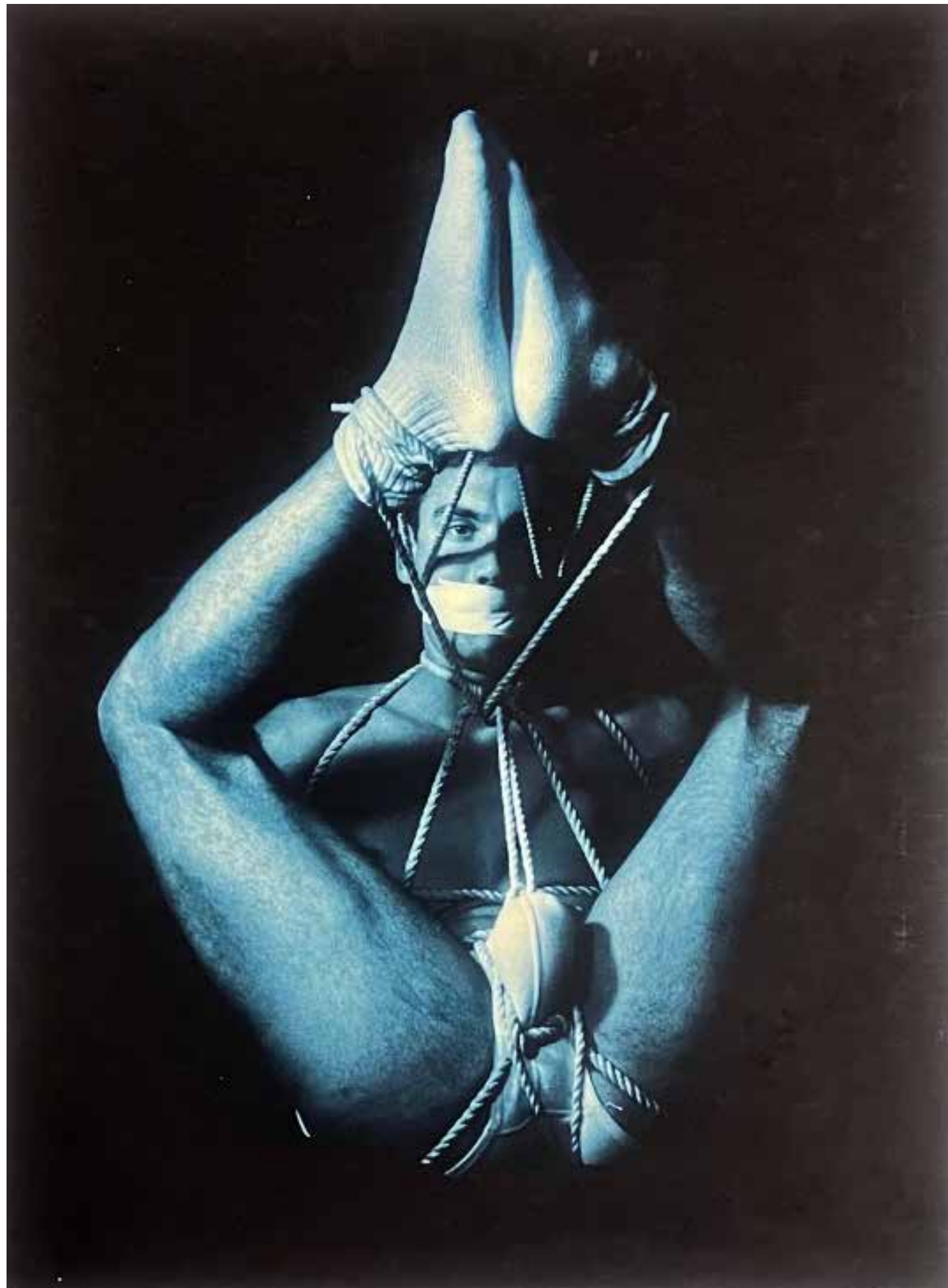




*Two Rocks*, 2001/print 2024, 20 x 30" (50,8 x 76,2 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition 1/6  
 Right side: *Rubber Happy face*, 1999, 40 x 30" (101,6 x 76,2 cm, sheet size), supper glossy vintage print; unique





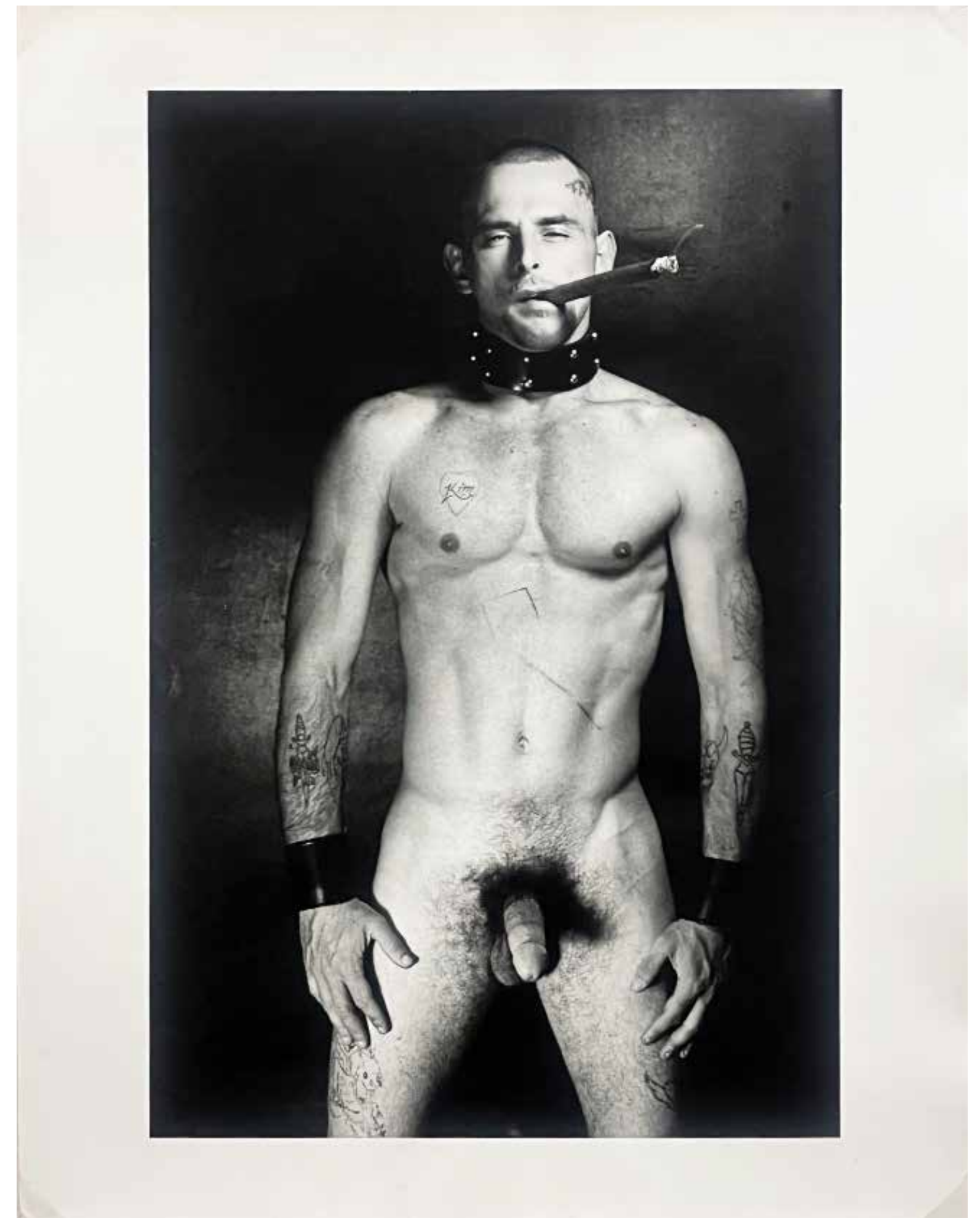


*My Gift*, 2002, 14 x 11" (35,6 x 27,9 cm, sheet size), matte fiber blue sepia vintage print; unique

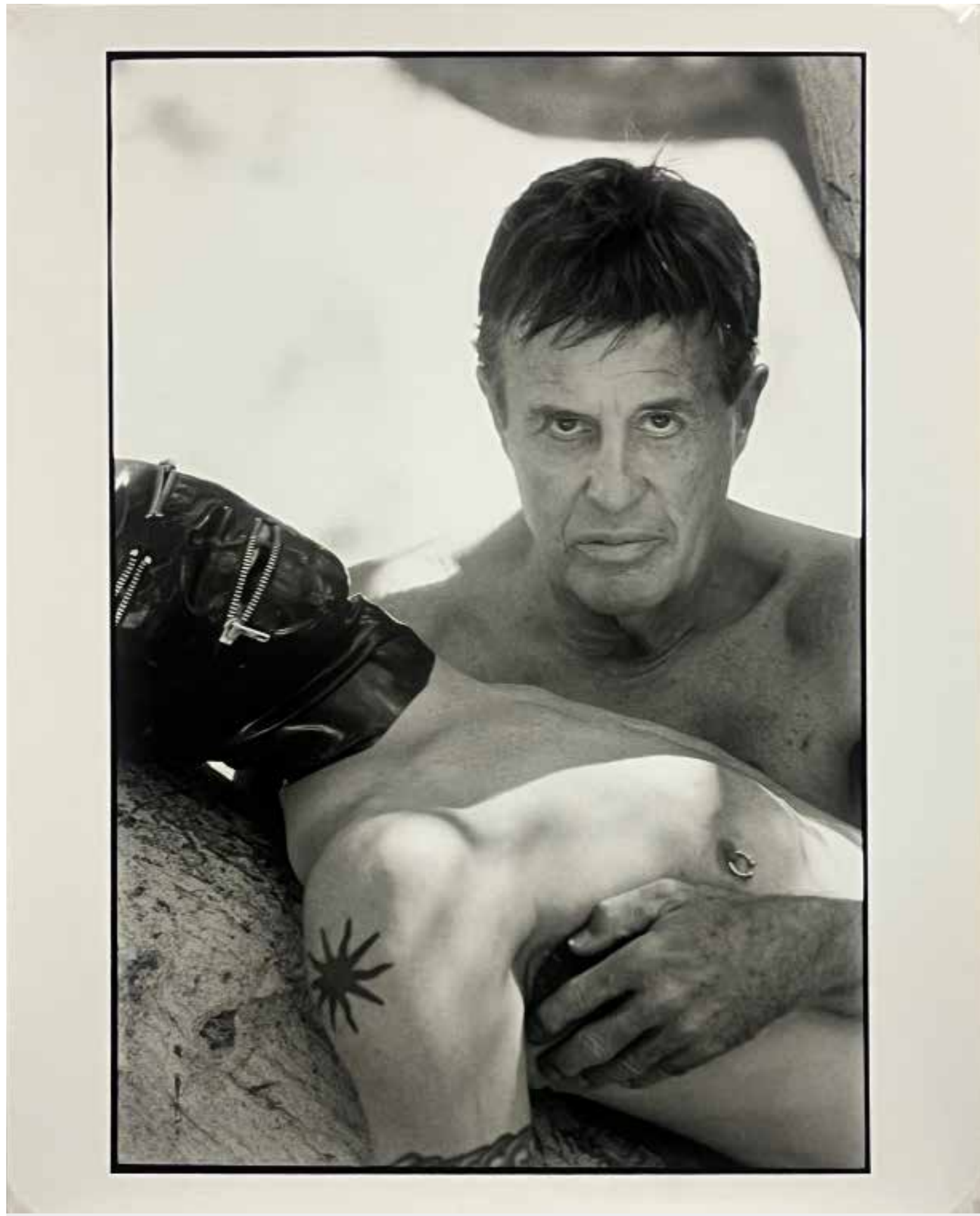


*Burnt Offerings*, 2000, 14 x 11" (35,6 x 27,9 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique

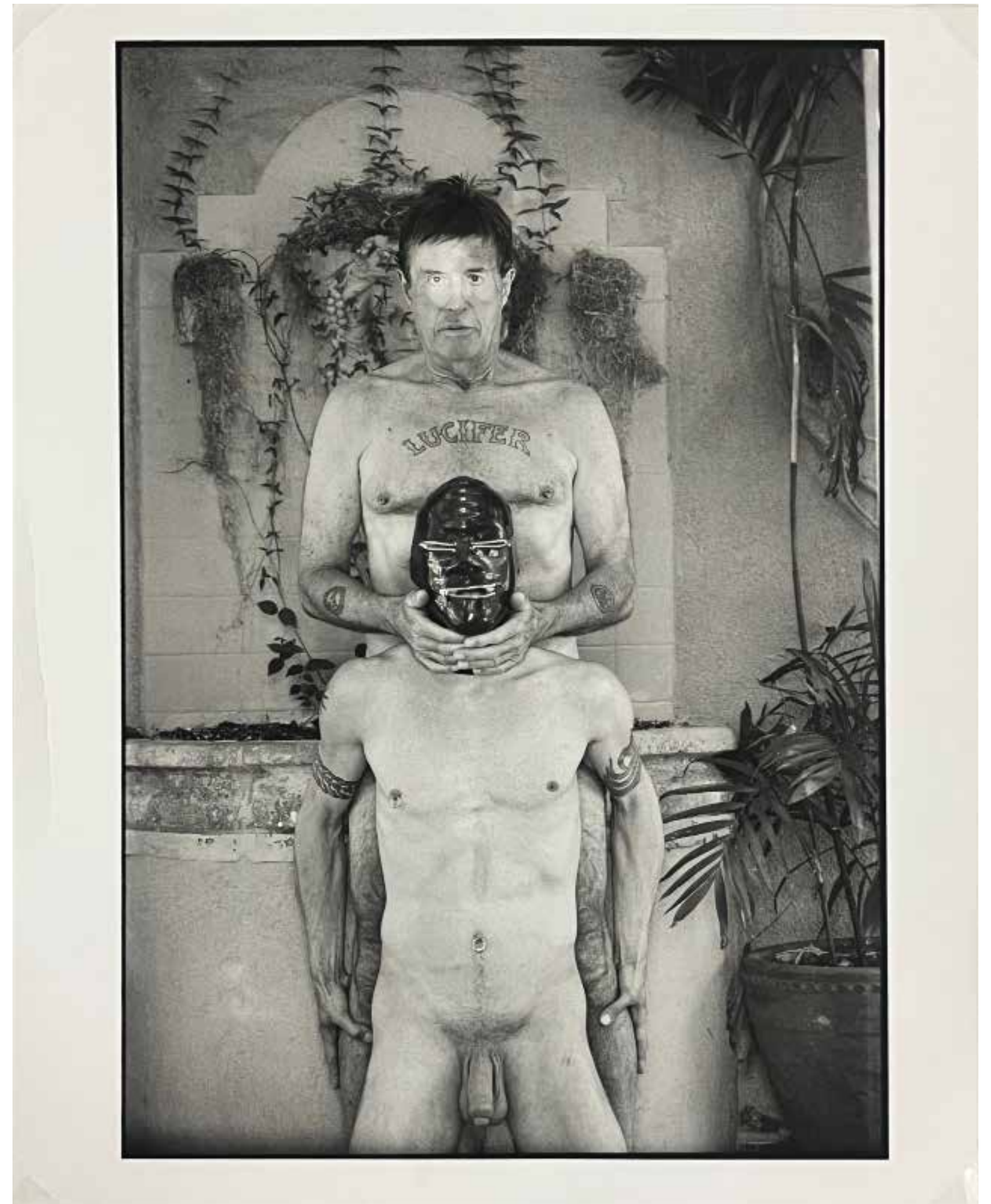




*Smoking Hustler*, 1995, 14 x 11" (35,6 x 27,9 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique



*Lucifer's Offering*, (Kenneth Anger & Carmilla Caliban Cock), 1998, 20 x 16" (50,8 x 40,6 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print unique



*Lucifer Choke-Hold*, (Kenneth Anger & Carmilla Caliban Cock), 1998, 14 x 11" (35,6 x 29,7 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique





Top: *Japanese Bondage Buddie*, 1997, 14 x 11" (36 x 27,9 cm, sheet size), silver gelatine print, unique

Left side: *The Golem*. 2009/ print 2024, 14 x 8.5" (35,6 x 21,6 cm, sheet size), archival digital print; edition 1/6



*Bad Watch Dog*, 2006, 16 x 20" (40,6 x 50,8 cm, sheet size), vintage matte fiber print; unique



RICK CASTRO

American photographer, filmmaker and writer known for his work focusing on fetish and desire.

A third generation Los Angeleno, he was born in 1958 and began his career as a wardrobe stylist and clothing designer. His clients over the years included Bette Midler, Tina Turner, Karen Black, David Bowie, Herb Ritts, Joel-Peter Witkin, George Hurrell, and Michele Lamy. He styled editorials for magazines like Interview, GQ, Rolling Stone, and Vanity Fair.

During 1986, Castro became a freelance photographer at age 29, working for Frontiers, The Advocate and Drummer magazines. His first solo exhibition, *Mass Murder and a Cute Boy*, (1987) was at the original, Different Light Bookstore in Silverlake, CA. Over the years Rick had numerous national and international exhibitions including NYC, Brooklyn, Hudson, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle, San Diego, Detroit, Phoenix, Paris, Lille, Tokyo, London, Berlin, Frankfurt, Freiburg, Melbourne, Amsterdam, Milano and Venice.

Rick Castro has created photographic portraits for Producer Alan Poul, actor Guillermo Diaz, pornstar Peter Berlin, writer Gore Vidal, director Kenneth Anger, musician Alice Bag, performance artist, Ron Athey, model Tony Ward, drag terrorist Christeene, fashion diva Michele Lamy, and the 14th Dalai Lama. Rick has created editorial photos for Christian Dior Homme, Cartier jewelry, Bottega Veneta and Rick Owens.

In 1994 his VHS interviews of male street hustlers on Santa Monica Blvd in Hollywood inspired Bruce LaBruce to produce the film *Hustler White*, (1996). The two then collaborated on this project as co-directors/writers. *Hustler White* was a great success internationally and is listed by the Los Angeles Times top 100 underground films of the 20th century. Rick also directed a documentary about the furry culture organized online and now somewhat mainstream for MTV called, *Plushies & Furies*, (2001) scoring #2 in the ratings.

Other films include, *Automolove*, (1991), *Fertile LaToyah Jackson video Magazine #1 & 2*, (1993,1994), *45 Minutes of Bondage*, (1993), *Three Faces of Women*, (1994), *Another 45 Minutes of Bondage*,(1996), *ANTEBELLUM2013*,

*ANTEBELLUM2014*, *ANTEBELLUM2015* and *ANTEBELLUM2016*. Rick also created the short doco/drama *The Dark Waters of Hotel Cecil*, (2017).

Rick was the West Coast editor/photographer for Studio Publications *Blue*, *Black & White*, *The Masters based in Sydney*, Australia from 2000 to 2007. He was a contributing photographer & writer for *Another Magazine* UK, 2019-2021, and *Document Journal*, NYC, 2020-2022.

Rick Castro’s film *Hustler White* is archived at UCLA Legacy Projects. Castro’s books are archived at Liberia Elinsulto, Mexico City. His books and photographs are archived by the Alfred Kinsey Institute, Ind, UCLA library, Westwood, Chicago Leather Museum, IL, One Institute, USC, Leslie/Lohman Museum, NYC, Tom Of Finland Foundation, Echo Park, Palais Galliera, Musée de la Mode, Paris, and the Getty Museum, Brentwood.

Three books have been published of Rick’s photography, *Castro*,(1990) published by the Tom of Finland Foundation, *13 Years of Bondage*, (2004) Fluixon Editions, and *S/M Blvd: Photographs of Street Hustlers and Remembrances-1986-1999*, (All Night Menu), 2023.

Rick is the creator and curator of *Columbarium Continuum* by Rick Castro, his unique museum in the historic Columbarium at Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Hours- 9am–4pm daily.

Rick was presented as an In Person editorial for *Sleek Magazine*, Berlin, 2024. He was one of 11 artists featured in the historic first queer issue of *Los Angeles Magazine*, June 2019.

From 2005 through 2017 Rick founded and ran Antebellum Gallery Hollywood. The first art gallery dedicated exclusively to fetish as art.

Rick received the *Artist Hall of Fame Award* from the Tom of Finland Foundation in 2015.

Rick Castro lives and works in East Hollywood, where he daily blogs-

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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

*Columbarium Continuum* by Rick Castro, Hollywood Forever Cemetery, daily 9 am–4 pm, ongoing

2025  
Rick Owens: *Temple of Love*, Palais Galliera, Musée de la Mode de Paris, June, 28th, 2025, through January, 4th, 2026

*\_re\_flection*, group exhibition, Semjon Contemporary, 6/13- 7/12, 2025

*Queer Lens: A History of Photography*, the first all GLBTQ+ art exhibition at Getty Center, June 16th through September, 28th, 2025.

Rick Castro’s photography presented by Galeria HGZ at ZonaMaco, February 4th~ 9th,2025, CDMX

*Braver New World* solo exhibition in Mexico City, CDMX February 7th~10th, 2025.

BizArt, Zurich Switzerland, Jan 9th~12th, 2025

2024  
*Copy Machine Manifesto: Artists Who Make Zines*, Brooklyn Museum, NY, thru 31, March, 2024 and Vancouver Art Gallery, Vancouver BC, 11, May through 22, September, 2024.

*Trece Vidas de Rick Castro*, Galeria HGZ, Queretaro, MX, 8th~ 11th, August, 20024. First solo exhibition in Mexico.

*sex sells – beyond the historical matrix*, Semjon Contemporary, Berlin, July 5 – August 3, 2024

*Vitam Picturarum*, WeHo Pride- Long Hall Plummer Park, West Hollywood, Ca, 14th- 24th, 6 2024.

*RICK CASTRO: SM BLVD*, Tom of Finland Art & Culture Festival, Halle am Berghain, Berlin- 31, May- 2, June, 2024

*The Photo graphers Eye*,slide show and lecture, Los Angeles Central Library-LA, 2/21/2024

2023  
*Copy Machine Manifesto: Artists Who Make Zines*, Brooklyn Museum, NY, 11/15, thru 2/15/ 2024.

*Queerish*, Ruth Williamson Gallery, Scripps College, Claremont, 10/28 thru 12/15/2023

*RICK CASTRO FOREVER*, the historic Columbarium, Hollywood Forever Cemetery, Hollywood, 10/5-11/30/2023.

*Queering the Lens*, Getty Center, lecture and photographic slide presentation June 7th, 2023

Collective Memory Installation, Department of Cultural Affairs, Los Angeles, Grand Park, 3/4 thru 3/18/2023.

2022  
*AllTogether: Archives from Tom of Finland Foundation*, Community Centre, Paris, 5/5-7/23/2022.

*AllTogether: Archives from Tom of Finland Foundation*, Venice Biennale, Venice, Italy 3/10-7/17/2022.

2021  
*Mildred Pierce Has Risen From the Grave: selected photographs from my archives, 1986-2021*, 11/14/2021

*Queer Communion: Ron Athey*, Participant Gallery, NYC, February, 20, 2021, and ICA Los Angeles, August 16, 2021.

*REFORMATION: First exhibition since the plague*, Hollywood Hills-8/13/2021

2020  
*LA Noir*, Lisa Derrick Fine Art, Chinatown, LA , 4/4-5/2/2020

*Feral*, Lisa Derrick Fine Art- Chinatown, LA, 2/15/2020

*LOVE4LOVE – Queer Biennial*, Ace Hotel, LA, 2/8/2020

*Round Hole/Square Peg*, Long Hall West Hollywood, CA, 2/8/2020

*PHOTOLA*, Barker Hanger, Santa Monica, 1/30/2020

2019  
*Ex Voto: Santisima*, Lisa Derrick Fine Art- Chinatown, LA, 10/5/2019

*Tom of Finland Art & Culture Festival*, Tom House, 10/4/2019

Homosurrealism, Touchon & Co. Gallery, LA, 8/23/2019

*Interiors Cast: Rick Castro/Elliot Reed*, MiM Gallery, LA- 7/2019

*RICK CASTRO: GLORY HOLE*, Tom of Finland Store, 6/2019- 10/2019

*Goddesses & Gods*, Lisa Derrick Fine Art- Chinatown, LA-6/2019

*Glendale Out*, Ace/121 Gallery, Glendale, 6/2019

*Rick Castro: Fetish King*, Tom of Finland Foundation, Echo Park, 4/2019

*Joys Of Sin*, Lisa Derrick Fine Art- Chinatown, LA-3/2019

2018  
*Rick Owens: Subhuman, Inhuman, Superhuman*, La Triennale di Milano, 1/1/2018

WRITINGS

*Cruising The Exorcist-*, Spunk Journal, 2023

The Dreamachine- Document Journal, 2020

The Plague Diaries- Document Journal, 2020

*My Date With Joe Files*, Document Journal, 2020

*Fire, Fascists and Trump Caravans*, Document Journal, 2020

*Stefanie From El Serreno*, Spunk Journal, 2019

*The Sheet Cake*, Spunk Journal, 2018

EDUCATION

Art Center College of Design

Santa Monica City College

Los Angeles Trade Technical College

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Creator and curator, *Columbarium Continuum*, Hollywood Forever Cemetery, ongoing

Contributing photographer & writer, Document Journal, 2020- 2022

Contributing photographer & writer, AnOther Magazine, 2019- 2021

Owner & Founder, Antebellum Hollywood Gallery, 2005- 2017

West Coast Editor, Studio Magazines, 2001- 2008

Contributing photographer, Drummer Magazine, 1989-1998

Contributing photographer, Advocate Magazine, 1989- 1994

Contributing photographer, Frontiers Magazine, 1988- 1994

Clothing designer, Lamy Men, 1987-1989

Art director & assistant, Joel-Peter Witkin, 1985-1990

Wardrobe Stylist, Herb Ritts, 1980- 1991

Clothing designer, I Love Ricky, 1978-1981

Fashion Illustrator, California Apparel News, 1977-1978

FILMS

Director, producer & writer, *The Dark Waters of Hotel Cecil*, 2017

Co-director, writer still photographer, *Hustler White*, feature film, 1996

director, writer still photographer, *Plushies & Furries*, documentary, MTV- 2001  
Director, producer & writer, *45 Minutes of Bondage*, 1994

Director, producer & writer, *Another 45 Minutes of Bondage*, 1995

Director, producer & writer, *Fertile LaToyah*, Jackson video magazine #2, 1994

Director, producer & writer, Fertile LaToyah Jackson video magazine #1, 1993

Director, producer & writer, *Three Faces of Women*, 1994

Director, producer & writer, *Automolove*, 1992

BOOKS

*S/M BLVD: Photographs of Hustlers & Remembrances 1986-1999*, 2023

*13 Years of Bondage*, 2004-Fluxion Editions

*CASTRO*, 1991, Tom of Finland Foundation publisher

*Queering the Lens: A History of Photography~catalog*, 2025, catalog, Getty Museum

*Rick Owens: Temple of Love*, 2025, catalog, Rizzoli

AWARDS

*Lifetime Achievement Award*, Tom of Finland Foundation, 2014

*Best film, (Hustler White)*, Lille Film Festival, France, 1996

COLLECTIONS

Getty Museum

Alfred Kinsey Institute for Sex Research

One Institute

Leslie/Lohman Museum

Legacy Projects, UCLA

Tom of Finland Foundation, LA

Libreria El Insulto

Chicago Leather Archives & Museum

Palais Galliera Musee de la Mode

Triennale de Milano

Clive Barker

Rick Owens

Ron Athey

John Schuning and Gregory Ross

Fernando and Mao Andrade

Kevin Retting

Kevin Comer

Ruben Esparza

Durk Dehner

SR Sharp

Ken Ellens

Joseph Rodota

Philip Pirolo

Six Carter

Jeff Corley

Houston Traher

William Wei

Jan Knesse

Benjamin Assayag

Tyler Cassidy

Mike Dhondt

Rinaldo Hopf



Florian Hetz

Marcel Alcalá

Pierce Wyss

Johanna Went

Ben Arellano

Mauricio Padilha

Marc Ransdell

Zachary Augustine

Martin O’Brien

Rob Hemming

Georgea Regout

Marcus Bastida

Lucy Bastida

Aaron Tilford

Michael Lett

David Karnes

Rikki Niehaus

Damien Wood

Francesco de Simone

Alison Veit

Kathleen McConn

Neil and Erik Bertelsen

Semjon H. N. Semjon and Frank Zimmer

Estate of Robert Manardi and Trent Dunphy

Estate of Ken Burns

Estate of Tim Campbell