

## Curtis Knapp

### Lives and Works in New York

Curtis Knapp was born in Garden City, Long Island, New York. He attended the Parsons School of Design, New York, and then began a career in commercial illustration in New York. He Lived in Athens, Georgia in the late 70s, where he photographed and helped move the new-wave rock band The B-52s to New York. Since the 1980s, he has photographed some of the greatest artists, musicians, actors, writers, and celebrities of our day, including Madonna (her first portrait magazine cover), Laurie Anderson, William Burroughs, Lou Reed, REM, Brian Eno, Dennis Hopper, Margaux Hemmingway, John Hurt, and many others. In 1982, he began shooting for Andy Warhol's *Interview Magazine*, and met Warhol in 1983, the year he shot the portraits in our exhibition. Knapp also lived and work in Japan during the 1990s, and exhibited his "Fashion Models of Japan" in Tokyo in 1993. His work has appeared on the covers of *TIME* magazine, *Le Figaro* (France), and *FHM* (England), and has been featured in numerous magazines, including *Rolling Stone*, *Zoom*, *Vogue*, *GQ*, *Esquire*, and *Cosmopolitan*. In 2002 he was recognized by Hasselblad as a featured photographer on the camera company's website. His portraits of Andy Warhol are among the last images we have of Warhol in his last Factory.

### Publications

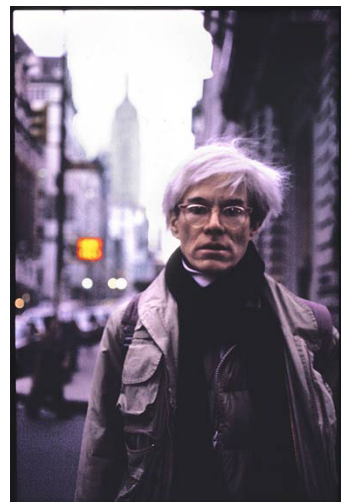
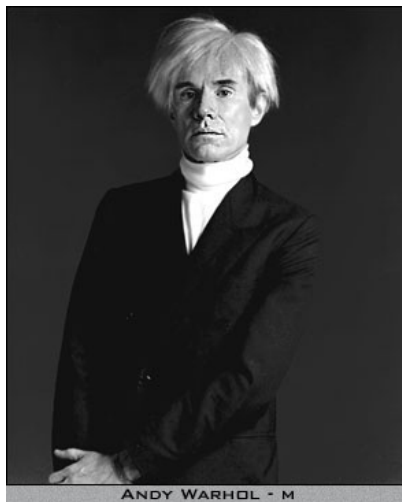
Knapp has published seven books of photography, including *Catwalk: Fashion Models of Japan* (1993), *Foto Portraits* (1998), *Prison's Inside Art* (1999), and a series of nudes shot in Japan.

### Exhibitions and Major Photographic Works

- 1980-83 First Studio Portrait Sittings. Madonna (1st. magazine cover)  
REM, Their first 12 inch record cover, "CHRONIC TOWN"
- 1983 Started shootings for *GQ*, *Andy Warhol's Interview*, and *ESQUIRE*  
magazines. Photographed Andy Warhol which led to photographing  
William Burroughs, Jim Carroll
- 1984 Relocated to Tokyo, Working mainly in Advertising & Music  
PARCO, 1st One Man Show
- 1985 APA 20th Exhibition - Tokyo
- 1986 'PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKS' - Book published by Tokuma/Japan  
Fuji Sankei, Gold Award - Tokyo  
NNA Newspaper Advertising, Superior Award - Tokyo  
APA 21st Exhibition - Tokyo  
PARCO, 1st One Man Show - Tokyo/Sapporo
- 1987 ADC First International Exhibition - 2 Awards of Merit (for Gillette)  
DENTSU, One Man Show - Tokyo
- 1988 APA 22nd Exhibition, #1 Special Award 'Toku Sen' - Tokyo  
Rodenstock Exhibition, Silver Award - Japan/Germany

## IRVINE CONTEMPORARY

- 1989 World Photographic Exhibition - U.S.A./Japan  
1990 Rodenstock Exhibition, Bronze Award - Japan/Germany  
1991 New York Festival, International Print and Advertising, 2 Bronze Awards  
"La FLEUR", One Man Show ", SEIBU - Tokyo  
1992 "PORTRAITS", One Man Show, IDEE - Tokyo  
Ambassadors to Japan series, BART Magazine Covers  
"GARDENING AT NIGHT" One Man Show, DOI Gallery - Tokyo.  
1993 'CATWALK, Fashion Models of Japan', - Book published by Tuttle Studio Editions - Boston  
"CATWALK", One Man Show, East Gallery - Tokyo  
"CATWALK", One Man Show, ISSISS Gallery - Kyoto  
1994 4 Book nude series, published in Japan  
1995-96 LA, 2 year stay shooting Portraits, Prisoners & Flower projects  
1997 Returns to Tokyo  
'FOTO PORTRAITS' - Book published by BNN Publishing Co. -Tokyo  
Director of his Multimedia Group (CG Animation & Video)  
'TAKEDA KUMIKO'- Book, Published in Japan  
1998-99 Started to focus on Japan's Pop Music Talents (LunaSea, Glay, TMR, Judy & Mary, etc.)  
2000 'PRISON'S Inside ART' Book published by ASPECT Corp. - Tokyo. With Intro by Timothy Leary  
2001 Tokyo Photo Museum, Group Exhibition- PARCO '70 Best Posters'  
2002 HASSELBLAD - One of a select group of contributors featured on their new web site and worldwide marketing materials. April 2002.  
Event Show with Sabri-Net, Tokyo  
2003 RELOCATED- WASHINGTON DC. OPEN STUDIO  
2004 SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE - Teaches Classes in Studio Photography  
2005 Opened studio in NEW YORK CITY  
2006 Irvine Contemporary, *Celebrity Portraits from the Warhol Factory Years*



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