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Hionas Gallery is pleased to present **Urban Evolution: PORTRAITS PROJECT**, from renowned photographer and street artist Burton Machen. In this exhibition, his first in New York City since 2010, Machen has selected a number of works from his bi-coastal Portraits Project (Los Angeles and New York), in which the artist posts two-tone photographs of artists, celebrities, political figures and other notable personalities on walls throughout the city streets. Inevitably each poster comes to bear the markings of various passersby, who tear, stamp, spray paint and/or affix random items to the portraits. The majority of Machen's selected works are photographic pigment prints of the original on-site portrait, each of which assuredly looks far different now, if in fact it still exists.

Rather than perceiving the "destruction" of these portraits as a form of urban decay, Machen sees an evolution taking place; sometimes quick but more often a slow and gradual metamorphosis, wherein the individual subject solicits a variety of responses and actions from anonymous sources. Upon returning to each – weeks if not months after the fact - to capture and time stamp the newly evolved portrait, the end result in some instances represents a symbolic commentary on the subject at hand.

In Machen's Andy... 3/15/2010 4:12:17 PM Los Angeles, CA, the seemingly random supplements to Warhol's portrait all converge to create a unique representation that the artist himself probably would have relished. In each eyeglass lens sits a S-shaped snake, with two swords forming a V and piercing the snake from head to tail, resembling U.S. dollar signs. A skeleton figure grins at the viewer from the upper right-hand corner, holding a Polaroid camera with his flesh-and-bone hand. Machen's subjects for this exhibition comprise a who's who of celebrities culled from the worlds of fashion and art, including the likes of Jean-Michel Basquiat, Princess Diana, Debbie Harry, David Hockney, Robert Mapplethorpe, Alexander McQueen, Kate Moss, Terry Richardson, Cindy Sherman, Patti Smith, Andy Warhol, and several others.



DIANA...

10-13-2010 8:09:57AM Brooklyn NY
40"x 60" - edition of 5 | 24"x 36" - edition of 9



JANE..:

1/14/2010 7:44:41 am Brooklyn, NY
40"x 60" - edition of 5 | 24"x 36" - edition of 9



ANDY...

3/15/2010 4:12:17 PM Los Angeles, CA
40"x 60" - edition of 5 | 24"x 36" - edition of 9



ALEXANDER...

1/26/2012 11:11:43 PM Brooklyn NY
44" x 62" - edition of 3



KATE...

3/14/2012 2:04:23 PM Los Angeles, CA
44" x 62" - edition of 3



JEAN-MICHEL...

4/06/2011 3:35:19 PM, Los Angeles, CA
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



BETH..

10/27/2009 2:11:07 PM New Orleans, LA
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



CINDY...

10/10/2010 2:44:08 PM Los Angeles, CA
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



DAVID...

10/12/2011 11:17:00 AM Brooklyn, NY
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



TERRY...

5/16/2011 11:21:37AM Brooklyn, NY
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



ROBERT...

3/02/2011 3:39:46 PM NYC

40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



HELLO
my name is
NOBODY
GIVES A
F#%K!

PATTI...

12/8/2009 3:38:54 PM Brooklyn, NY
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



DEBBIE..

12/11/2009 10:47:50 AM New York, NY
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



JARED...

10/6/2010 4:15:32 PM Los Angeles, CA
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



STEVE...

11/1/2009 10:44:03 AM, Los Angeles, CA
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



ANITA...

1/13/2010 1:42:47 PM, NYC

40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



MICK...

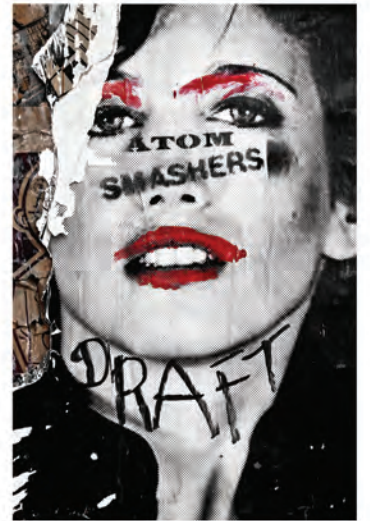
5-15-2011 1:05:18 AM Brooklyn, NY
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9



JOHNNY...

12-13-2009 12:06:23 pm NYC
40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9

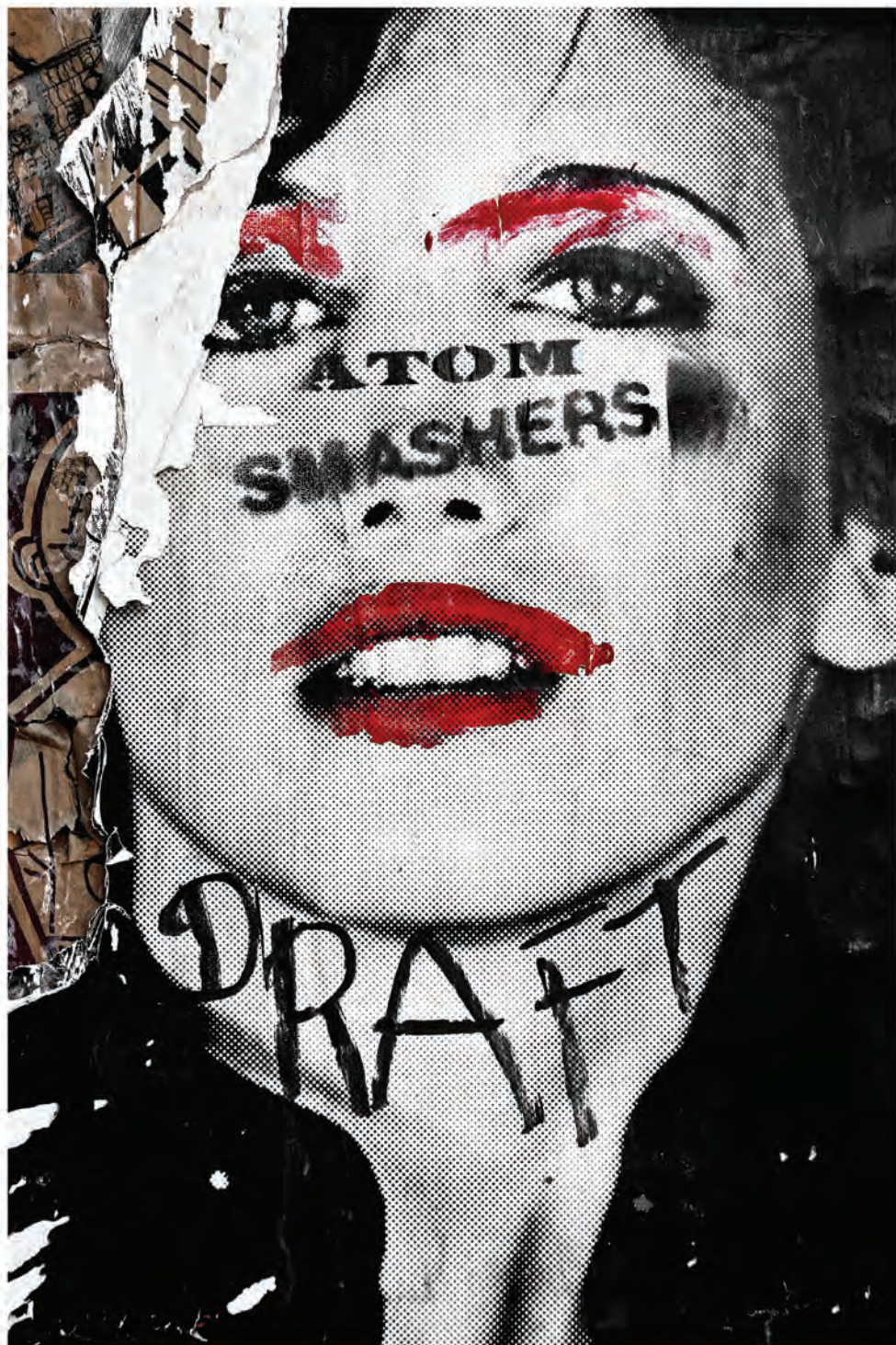




BETH...

11-04-2009 09:08:09 PM, NYC

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STEPHEN...

11-01-2009 03:54:33 PM, NYC

40"x 60"- edition of 5 | 24"x 36"- edition of 9





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PERSONAL

1970 Born Ashville, Alabama.

Lives and works in Los Angeles, CA and Brooklyn, NY

PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital Photography

EXHIBITIONS:

- 2012** Hionas Gallery, Urban Evolution: PORTRAITS PROJECT, New York, NY
- 2012** The Whitney Art Party, New York, forthcoming
- 2012** In the event of Andy Warhol, Olin Gallery, Roanoke Collage and The Staniar Gallery, Washington and Lee University
- 2012** Art Stage, Singapore
- 2011** Vue Privée, Portraits Project, Singapore
- 2011** The Whitney "Groundbreakers" Art Party May 24th, New York, NY
- 2010-2011** Royal/T, "The Warholian" Curated by Eric Shinner the Director of The Warhol Museum
- 2010** Steven Kasher Gallery, "Inspired" Curated by Beth Rudin DeWoody
- 2010** The Whitney Art Party, June 9, New York
- 2010** Tomas Maier, Miami, FL, "Portraits Project"
- 2010** "Think Pink" Gavlak Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL, curated by Beth Rudin DeWoody
- 2010** "The New Old", Invisible-Exports, New York, NY

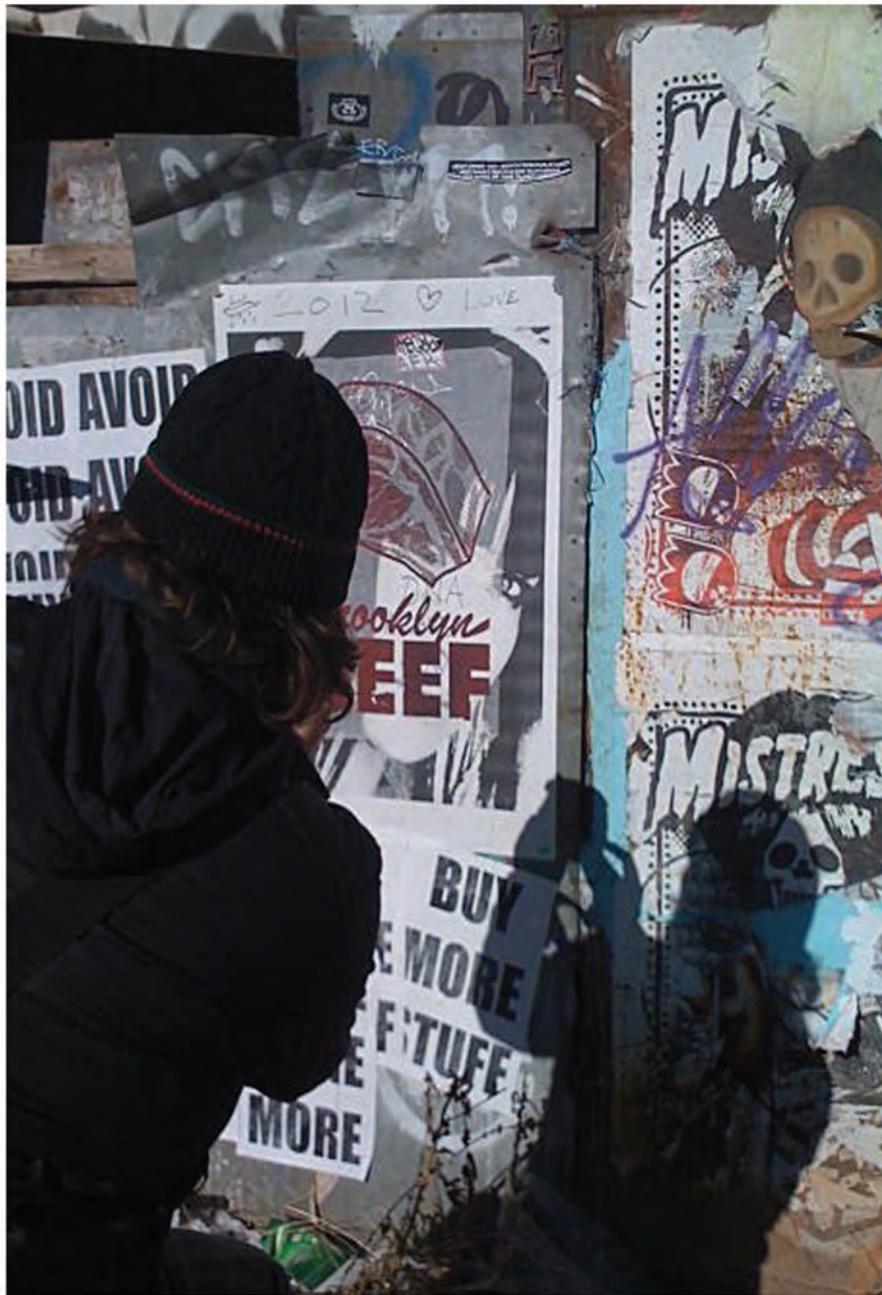
- 2009** Urban Evolution' Artioli Findlay, in association with David Findlay Gallery, New York, NY, curated by Alan Siegel
- 2009** Third Biennial Photography Auction, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL
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- 2009** "Unframed" ACRIA Benefit Auction, 15 Union Square, New York, NY Curator: Jane Holzer and Stephen Heighton
- 2009** "Surf, Sea and Sun" Clic Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009** White Box 10th Anniversary Benefit Auction, 329 Broome Street, New York NY
- 2009** LAXART, 2640 S. La Cienega, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008** Xrds' Track 16 Gallery, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica, CA
- 2007** "Voyages and Meditations" Soho Myriad, Atlanta, GA

PRESS:

Angeleno Interiors, Premiere Issue
 Blanket Magazine
 Good Magazine
 June/2009 Elle Décor
 December/2009 New York Magazine

PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS:

- 2012** Hunter S. Thompson Estate, San Francisco, CA
- 2011** Collaboration with Skylight Projects, New York, NY



Street Shot Shooting

EVENTS:

Wired Living Home, by Architect Ray Kappe. Images from Machen's "Urban Evolution" series were chosen to be featured throughout the home. "The Great House" sponsored by Veranda Magazine. 'The Great House' opened to the public for viewing. Joe Lucas, owner of Harbinger LA and one of the designers chosen by Veranda Magazine to design a room for 'The Great House' chose Burton Machen's 'Urban Evolution New Orleans' series for his room.

COLLECTIONS:

Beth Rudin DeWoody
Ritz Carlton Corporate Collection
Alan Siegel Fred and Nancy Poses
Jack Cohen

COMMISSIONS:

Burton Machen has been commissioned by various private collectors to do portraits as part of his series "Portraits Project"

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