

About Douglas Kirkland

Douglas Kirkland (1934 - 2022) was a prominent photographer based in the United States. After starting out as an assistant to Irving Penn when he first moved to New York, Kirkland was hired as a staff photographer for Look magazine at age 24 and became famous for his 1961 photos of Marilyn Monroe taken for Look's 25th anniversary issue. He later joined the staff of Life magazine, working there through the '60s and '70s – an era often referred to as the golden age of photojournalism.

A Who's Who of notable persons have posed for Kirkland from the great photography innovator Man Ray and photographer/painter Jacques Henri Lartigue to Dr. Stephen Hawking. Entertainment celebrities he has photographed include Mick Jagger, Sting, Björk, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Morgan Freeman, Orson Welles, Andy Warhol, Oliver Stone, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Leonardo DiCaprio, Coco Chanel, Marlene Dietrich, Brigitte Bardot, Judy Garland, Elizabeth Taylor, Sophia Loren, Catherine Deneuve, Michael Jackson, Paris Hilton, and Diana Ross. Kirkland's portrait of Charlie Chaplin is at the National Portrait Gallery in London.

Known for his charming and gentle demeanor, Kirkland has served as the sole photographer on the sets of hundreds of films, including 2001: A Space Odyssey, The Sound of Music, Sophie's Choice, Out of Africa, The Pirate Movie, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Romancing the Stone, Titanic, and Moulin Rouge!. Some of his famous film shots include John Travolta in the dance sequence from Saturday Night Fever, a portrait of Judy Garland crying and the March 1976 Playboy pictorial of Margot Kidder. In 1995 Kirkland received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American motion pictures Society of Operating Cameramen.

His books projects include "Legends," "Body Stories," "Woza Africa," "James Cameron's Titanic," "Make Up Your Life," "A Life in Pictures," and "With Marilyn: An Evening/1961," among others. "Titanic" was the first picture book to reach No.1 on the New York Times Best Seller list and did so on both the hardcover and paperback lists.

Douglas Kirkland has lectured at the Smithsonian Institution, the AFI Conservatory in Hawaii and Los Angeles, the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena as well as the Kodak Centers in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taiwan.



Douglas Kirkland, Audrey Hepburn, 1965

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Solo Exhibitions

2024
Douglas Kirkland: A Life In Pictures, Fahey/Klein Gallery

2018
Galerie GADCOLLECTION, Paris
Lumiere Brothers Center for Photography, Moscow

2017
Fermo Immagine, Maxxi, Italy, October
Douglas Kirkland - Beyond The Lens, Mouche Gallery

2008
Rétrospective, Triennale Museum, Milan, Italy

Group Exhibitions

2024
The Eyes of the Audience: Performers Seen Behind the Lens, Holden Luntz Gallery
History of the Chess Queen, Hilton Contemporary
Bright Lights, Big City, Iconic Images
Iconic Images at Photo London 2024, Iconic Images

2023
X-MAS CATALOGUE: Strictly Iconic, Preiss Fine Arts
Spring Fever, Preiss Fine Arts
Holden Luntz Gallery at Art Miami 2023, Holden Luntz Gallery

2022
The Entertainer – Living Large for the Camera, Holden Luntz Gallery
The Immediate Image, Holden Luntz Gallery
Holden Luntz Gallery at Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary 2022, Holden Luntz Gallery

2021
Movies Made America, Holden Luntz Gallery
Artful Giving, Preiss Fine Arts
Group Show, Izzy Gallery
Holden Luntz Gallery at Art Miami 2021, Holden Luntz Gallery
MASTERPIECE ART, DUBAI | Gallery Three | The Silver Screen and Beyond, Masterpiece Art
Facing Forward: Photographing Diversity, Holden Luntz Gallery
Freeze, THK Gallery

2020
Holden Luntz Gallery at Photo London 2020, Holden Luntz Gallery

2018
Lumiere Brothers Gallery at Cosmoscov 2018, Lumiere Gallery
The Icon Collection, ArtStar
Summer Exhibition, Box Galleries

2017
Vintage Vibes, ArtStar
Terry O'Neill & Douglas Kirkland - FAME, OSME Fine Art
Fashion Week, ArtStar

2015
Audrey Hepburn: Portraits of an Icon, National Portrait Gallery

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Museums and collections

Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, USA
National Portrait Gallery, Canberra, Australia
National Portrait Gallery, London, England
Eastman House, Rochester, New York, USA
Houston Center for Photography, Houston, Texas, USA
Annenberg Space for Photography, Los Angeles, California, USA
Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences collection, Beverly Hills, California, USA

Awards

2007

Honorary Master of Arts Degree, Brooks Institute

2006

The Golden Eye of Russia

Life Time Achievement Award, CAPIC (Toronto)

2003

Lucie Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Entertainment Photography, IPA Photography