

HOLLY HUNT ART

BIOGRAPHY AND STATEMENT

Victor Skrebneski, In His Own Words

Victor Skrebneski has been a working photographer for over 50 years. He opened his studio in Chicago in 1952. He has worked for Town & Country, Harper's Bazaar, Florida International, Italian Vogue, Elle and Esquire. He published 14 books, the first one in 1969 and the most recent in 2007. He has had major exhibitions in Paris, Hamburg, London, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago. He has been working with Michael Kutza and the Chicago International Film Festival since 1968 photographing the Chicago International Film Festival Posters and visiting celebrities.

Throughout the decades, Skrebneski's diverse body of work — from wildly inventive fashion images and sculptural nudes to starkly revealing portraits and haunting cityscapes — has been informed by his formal training in art at the Art Institute and the Institute of Design. Whether we find ourselves gazing at a Lagerfeld dress soaring through the skies of Paris, a minimalistic portrait of Liza Minelli or a street scene in Monaco, each photograph exhibits the lyricism, elegance, timelessness and classicism that have become hallmarks of the Skrebneski style.

With a recent retrospective at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and a corresponding book project entitled Skrebneski: The First Fifty Years completed, Skrebneski is still going strong. He's already moved on to his next project: thirty-three portraits of Steppenwolf actors for a book commemorating the Chicago theater company's 25th anniversary. And he shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon. As this indefatigable image-maker is fond of saying: "Our favorite word at the studio is "NEXT!"

Today, at the age of 84, he is one of the world's most prolific and renowned fashion, beauty and portrait photographers, with an impressive body of work behind him and a number of new projects underway. Selected pieces have been sold at Auction.

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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

1929 Born of Russian-Polish parents, Chicago, IL. 1943 The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL. 1947-49 Moholy Nagy's Institute of Design 1950-51 Early photography in New York and Europe 1952 Opened Chicago Studio

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

1999 Skrebneski: The First Fifty Years, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.
Skrebneski: The First Fifty Years, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL.
Chicago Chefs, City Gallery, Chicago, IL

1997 Clothed, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

1996 Galerie Vallois, Paris, France.

1995 The Hollywood Portraits, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

1994 Homage to Francis Bacon, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

1993 Galerie Vallois, Paris, France.

1992 Charles Cowles Gallery, New York, NY.
Palazzo Strozzi, Florence, Italy.
Museo Ken Damy, Brescia, Italy.

1991 Arthur Roger Gallery, New Orleans, LA
International Cultural Center of Brera, Milan, Italy.
Il Palazzo Communale di Modena, Italy.
Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL

1990 Charles Cowles Gallery, New York, NY.
Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago, IL.

1989 Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL.
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

1985 Evansville Museum of Arts and Science, Evansville, IL.

1983 Stephen Wirtz Gallery, San Francisco, CA.

1982 Photogalerie: The Compagnie, Hamburg, Germany

1980 "Raquel's Birthday Photographs," Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, IL.

1978 Civic Center, Chicago, IL.

1977 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL.
Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL.

1975 Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL.

1974 Center for Photographic Arts, Chicago, IL.

1973 The Arts Club, Chicago, IL.

1969 New York Cultural Center, New York, NY
Wickersham Gallery, New York, NY
Deson-Zaks Gallery, Chicago, IL.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected list)

1996 Present Art IV, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

1995 Present Art III, Couturier Gallery, Los Angeles, CA.

1992 Chicago International Art Exposition, Chicago, IL.
The Arts Club, Chicago, IL.

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- 1991 Duke University Museum of Art
Chicago International Art Exposition, Chicago, IL.
- 1990 The Arts Club, Chicago, IL.
- 1988 The Arts Club, Chicago, IL.
- 1987 Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL.
- 1978 The Arts Club, Chicago, IL.

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

- The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY.
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA.
- The Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL.

PRESS

- 1999 Skrebneski: The First Fifty Years, the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL
ILSkrebneski Photographs – Chicago Chefs, (exhibition catalog, City Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1998 The Givenchy Style, (covers and major photography), Vendome Press
- 1996 Victor Skrebneski, Women, Saks Fifth Avenue, The Designers 1996, New York
- 1995 Victor Skrebneski, The Art of Haute Couture, Abbeville Press, New York, 1995.
- 1994 Victor Skrebneski BRAVI- Lyric Opera of Chicago, Abbeville Press, New York, 1994.
- 1991 "Skrebneski," Nudes
- 1990 "Skrebneski: The Edge of Light" (40 year retrospective exhibition catalog)
- 1989 Victor Skrebneski, Black White & Color, Bullfinch Press, New York, 1989.
"Skrebneski" The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (exhibition catalog)
- 1987 Victor Skrebneski, Five Beautiful Women, New York Graphic Society Books, New York, 1987
- 1982 "Skrebneski", Photogalerie: The Compagnie, Hamburg, Germany (exhibition catalog)
- 1978 Victor Skrebneski, Portraits: A Matter of Record, Doubleday & Company, Inc., New York, 1978.
- 1969 Victor Skrebneski, Untitled [Nudes: The Human Form], Ridge Press, New York, 1969.

AWARDS

- 1999 Honorary Doctorate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Performing Arts Chicago Honoree
- 1995 Established the Victor Skrebneski Scholarship in Fashion at Columbia College Chicago
Doctor of Arts Degree, Honoris Causa, Columbia College Chicago
- 1993 City of Chicago Honorary Street Sign Dedication Honoring "Victor Skrebneski Way" Sign on LaSalle Street between Schiller and Goethe
- 1989 Auxiliary Board - The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
The Fashion Group International - New York
Gold Hugo Award - The Chicago International Film Festival
- 1988 AIBI - Apparel Industry Board Inc., Chicago
- 1985 The Fashion Group of Chicago (establishing the Skrebneski Scholarship Fund for Photography)
- 1983 The Art Director's Club 62nd Annual Exhibition
- 1977 Leo Award: Communicator of the Year
- 1972 Hugo Award - The Chicago International Film Festival

FILM

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- 1999 Costume Council of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art
- 1998 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 1996 The Smithsonian, Washington, D.C.
- 1994 Multi-Media, Toronto
Chicago Historical Society
- 1993 ASMP, Boston, Massachusetts
- 1992 R.I.T., Rochester, New York
- 1991 The Fortnightly, Chicago, Il.
- 1990 Hallmark
University of Kansas
St. Louis Art Museum
Smithsonian, Washington D.C.
Photo Midwest, Chicago, Il.
International Center of Photography
- 1981 The Art Institute of Chicago
Chicago Cultural Center
- 1965 Chicago Public Library