

# Michel Comte

1954 born in Zurich, Switzerland  
lives and works in Zurich, Switzerland

Michel Comte studied in France and England and started his career as an art restorer specializing in contemporary art. Comte worked with Andy Warhol and Yves Klein. In 1979, he met Karl Lagerfeld who gave him his first commercial assignment for Chloé and later Chanel. From the beginning, he has collaborated with Vogue Italia and Vanity Fair and worked in association with brands such as Dolce & Gabbana, Gianfranco Ferre, BMW and Ferrari amongst many others. In 2008, Comte met Ayako Yoshida. In 2009 he officially withdrew from fashion photography and devoted himself to the creation of artworks.

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 Villa Panza, Varese, Italy  
in conversation with the Old Royal Naval College, London, UK
- 2020 *Erosion II*, Michel Comte Studio, Uetikon am See, Switzerland  
*Erosion I*, Galerie Urs Meile, Lucerne, Switzerland
- 2019 *Light IV*, Dirimart, Istanbul, Turkey
- 2018 *Light III*, Galerie Urs Meile, Beijing, China
- 2017 *Light*, MAXXI | Museo nazionale delle arti del XXI secolo, Rome, Italy  
*Black Light, White Light*, Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2016 *Neoclassic*, Palazzo del Governatore, Parma, Italy; Galleria d'Arte Moderna Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2013 *Retrospective*, Kunst Haus, Vienna, Austria
- 2011 *Retrospective* curated by Walter Keller, Crescendo Fotografico, Triennale di Milano, Milan, Italy
- 2006 *The Face of Pace*, Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich, Germany
- 2002 *Retrospective*, Centro Internazionale di Fotografia, Verona, Italy
- 1995 *Afghanistan*, Peggy Guggenheim Museum, Venice, Italy

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Art Dschieta - Gletscherschmelze*, Forum Paracelsus, St. Moritz, Switzerland
- 2021 *Enchanted Forest*, Collaboration with Melli Ink, Grieder Contemporary, Zurich, Switzerland
- 2021 *Minestrone*, Galerie Urs Meile, Ardez, Switzerland

## Film

- 2014 *The Girl from Nagasaki*, Sundance Film Festival, Utah, US
- 2013 *The Girl from Nagasaki*, Naples International Film Festival, Italy