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"There are roughly three New York's. There is, first, the New York of the man or woman who was born there, who takes the city for granted and accepts its size, its turbulence as natural and inevitable. Second, there is the New York of the commuter--the city that is devoured by locusts each day and spat out each night. Third, there is New York of the person who was born somewhere else and came to New York in quest of something. Of these trembling cities the greatest is the last--the city of final destination, the city that is a goal. It is this third city that accounts for New York's high strung disposition, its poetical deportment, its dedication to the arts, and its incomparable achievements."

- E.B. White | Here is New York

NEW YORK NEW YORK

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ALL I WANT TO DO IN
NEW YORK IS SHOP,
PARTY, DO SOME COKE
AND TRY TO GET TO
AFRICA.

**Bronx &
Kings &
New York &
Queens &
Richmond.**

Population: 8,274,527



LESS IS MORE.

**ANDY
WARHOL
WAS
NOT FROM
N.Y.C**



**GET
LOST
IN
NEW
YORK**



RISA KNIGHT

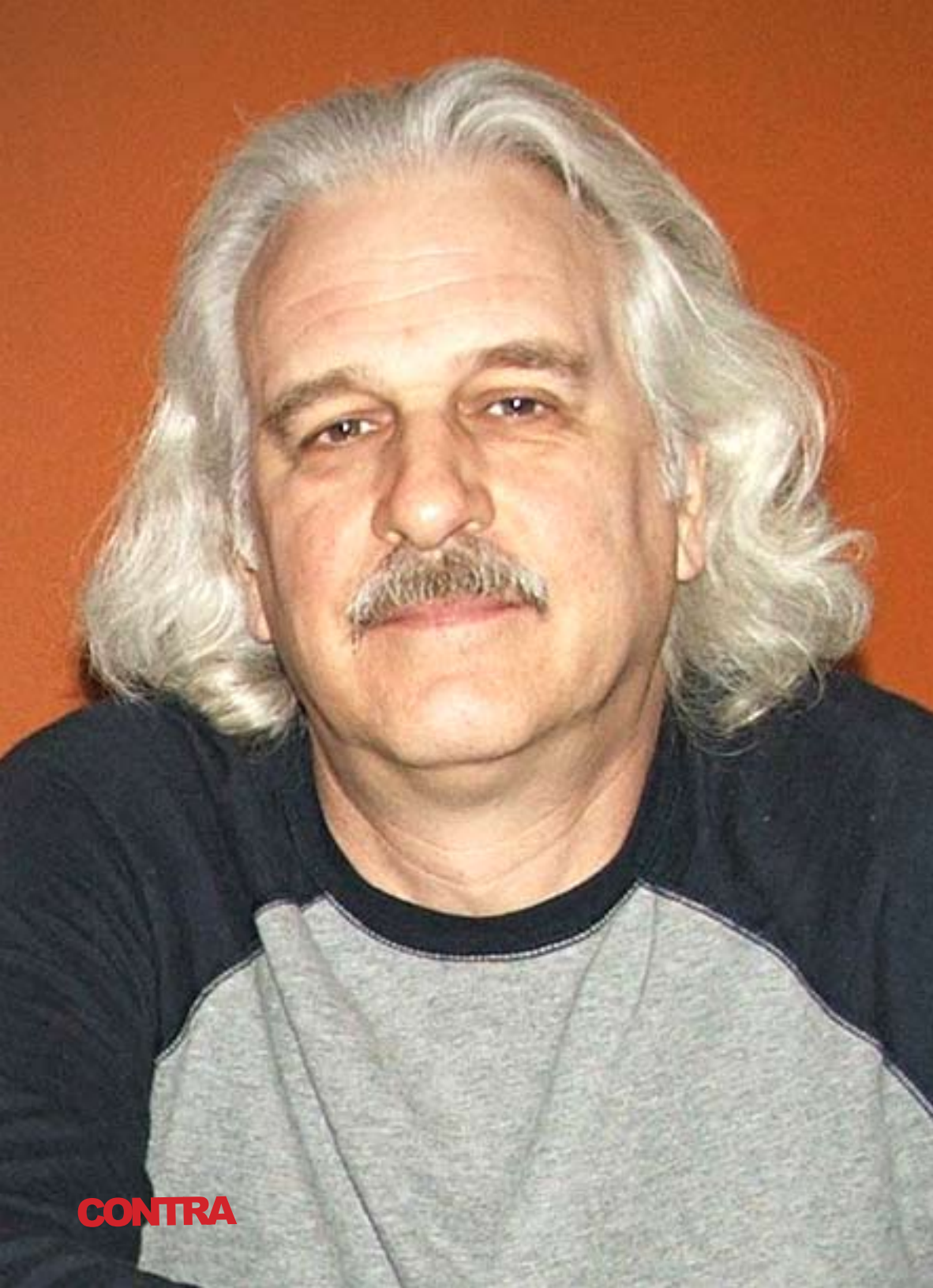
“New York: Where the young, broke and fabulous live extra large in the land of art and commerce.”



MIKHAEL KALE

PHOTO: MILA VICTORIA

“I am a man of pins, threads and fabrics. I use these instruments to express my thoughts and views. Words merely pale when compared. New York, however, isn’t a word or a prose. New York is a breathing instrument. It itself is a vehicle of expression, relaying thoughts and views. My New York is a concept in practice; an angle understood and a place for great minds that just don’t seem to belong.”



DAN SKYE

HIGH TIMES MAGAZINE

INTERVIEW & PHOTO BY FELICIA MANCINI

“New York gets it’s life from the people who come here from all over the place. The people, the artists that come here who are all from small towns who have dreams of making it big here. So, a lot of what drives New York is plain ambition to make it big. You have a lot of people here who are extremely talented.

Living here is a difficult place to live and most people would agree. You have to work very hard, there’s a lot of stress but a lot of fun. You cant be lazy here, the city will eat you up! But you can pretty much do whatever you want here because it is a very tolerant city. Everyone comes here for different reasons but everyone comes here to strive to be the best. People that live here I think take it for granted how great it truly is.”

SMOKING IN NEW YORK

“You have to be careful smoking on the street, if you are careful you can smoke weed anywhere but not in New York. It’s not a very tolerant city as far as weed goes. I guess maybe it’s a source of revenue because what happens is, you get busted on a friday night and you will be in jail till Monday. That’s the way it was with Gulliani and truth be told it aint that much better under Bloomberg, it’s disgraceful. Mayor Bloomberg has smoked pot, he is on record and said he liked doing it. He has done nothing, nothing at all to stop the oppression of pot smokers and that is the honest to god truth.

The prices are out of control, Kush is \$600 an ounce, that’s the minimum and can run anywhere up to \$800. If you work on Wall Street they can rip you off as far as a grand an ounce, that’s for all the Wall Street idiots willing to pay for it that is.”

SIKI

“One of the beauties of NYC is that it is a melting pot of so many different ethnicities and cultures. That if you don’t have an accent you are in a way weird and if you are a born-and-bred [New Yorker] you are a lost species. So this is the only city in the world where people do not stamp you as a foreigner – everyone is a foreigner here! This notion is very liberating emotionally, mentally, and physically.

NYC is so inspirational. There is not one but 10 good galleries. Not one but 10 good music shows. And too many good restaurants. Everything is [in] excess here – good, but very overwhelming. That at the end I try to stay home.

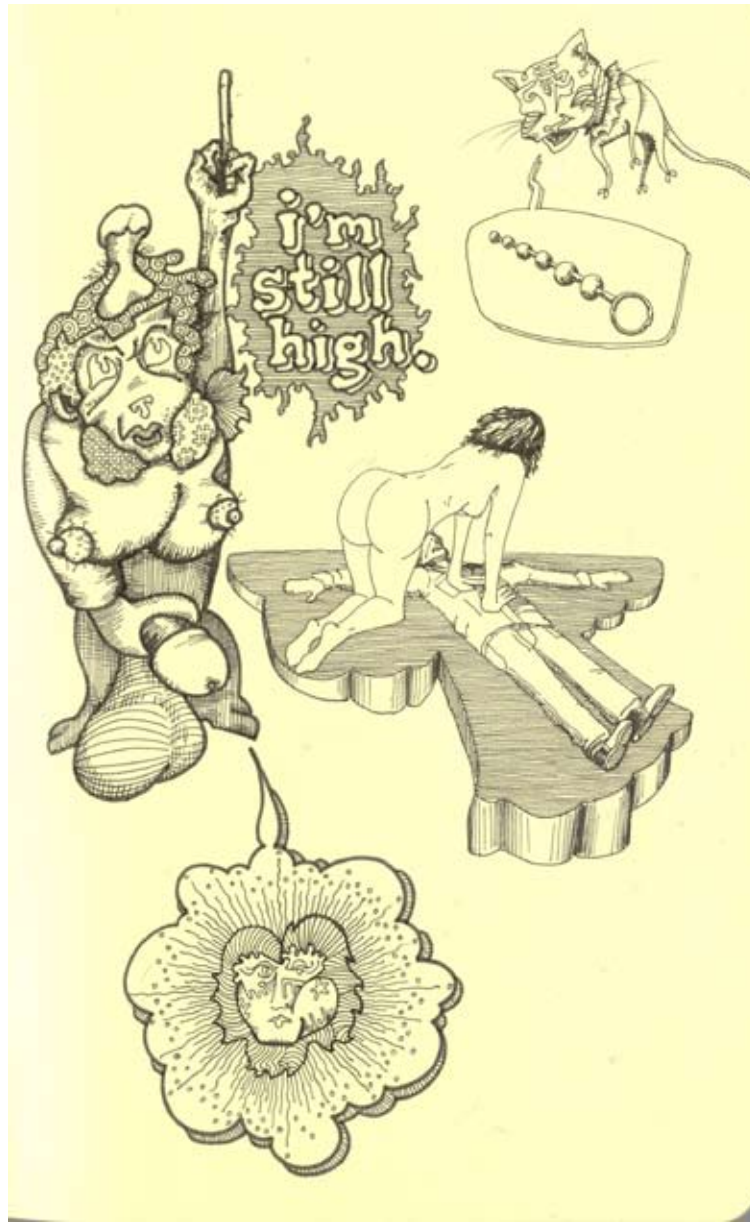
People don’t come here to hang and fool around. They can’t. They have to pay their rent. So everyone has a drive and an agenda. So on the one hand, it is motivating and dynamic, and on the other it can be exhausting and obnoxious.

I am blessed to have a really tight group of friends who keep me sane and give me shit...ha! Your work, your passion can easily become bigger than you. You gotta keep it real, know your priorities, know where you come from and where you want to go. And you got to get out in the countryside. I don’t believe that any creative mind can do what they ought to do always in a fast pace. She/ he needs to retreat, regain, and revolt.”

TEN THINGS I LOVE ABOUT NEW YORK

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 10. The speed | 05. The constant inspiration & aspiration |
| 09. The deli | 04. The neighbourhood pockets |
| 08. The beaches and mountains | 03. The multi-culture multi-disciplinary friends |
| 07. The too-many good shows | 02. The earphoned nightwalks |
| 06. The love-hate relationship | 01. The many foreigners making me not a foreigner |





TOBY GOOD- SHANK

“When in New York you should try to walk across as many bridges as possible.

Brooklyn is a nice place to live, a little less expensive, and is sprouting new DIY venues all the ding-dang time. Brooklyn sounds like Jeru the Damaja's LP 'The Sun Rises in the East'. What I love most about Brooklyn is that I have many friends in such close proximity.”



FRENEL MORRIS

STILL LIFE NYC

"I lost my memory in the bottom of my hat. So I looked deep in the game and thought: Is that all there is? Black or white, it's still life."

PHOTO: TH



SIMONA MCINTYRE

“I love New York because it never stops. Every corner is packed with people waiting to cross the street. There is always somewhere to go and new and interesting things to see. I feel at home here knowing that I share the city with many friends.

The subway makes it easy to get anywhere in a flash, but if that isn't enough I know I am a short flight away from Canada if I need to take a break from it all.”

VIVIAN ROSENTHAL & JESSE SEPPE

TRONIC STUDIOS

“My New York state of mind is one that drifts between a harsh pounding reality and a blissful cocoon of fantasy. Each day brings new meanings, new people, new possibilities, all of which are seductive, but with it also comes a sobering sense of exchange.

Nothing in this city is free, nothing. Not conversation, not even your own thoughts. New York is a city of exchange, it has a lot to give and equally a lot to take.”

-Vivian Rosenthal

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DAVID PEREZ SHADI



“I love New York for many reasons. I was born here and it’s my home. But why I really love it is because I’m constantly discovering new places and people and movements.

I never do tourist things but for work I end up in some strange places. I recently photographed my friends wedding at city hall and it was a very sweet experience. Only in NY can you get married and pose in front of a mural of City Hall but they wont let you actually stand in front of the real one.

I love it for the perks and the flaws, but until I find a place that I love more than NY this is where I will call home.”

BORIS CHANG JR

“New York City is my motherfucking home. The style is motherfucking raw and what I love most about NYC is that it never fucking sleeps!

My favorite place is actually the subway; it always brings me back home. Besides, where else can I still sleep knowing some wacko is staring at my package?

New York smells like Chinese egg cake stands and tastes like big wongs on Mott Street. My favorite sound is actually the booming Indian music in the summertime by the park by my house in Queens. That or some random dancehall booming down Broadway in Soho on a warm day.”





“EMPIRESTATE”

DIANA REYES

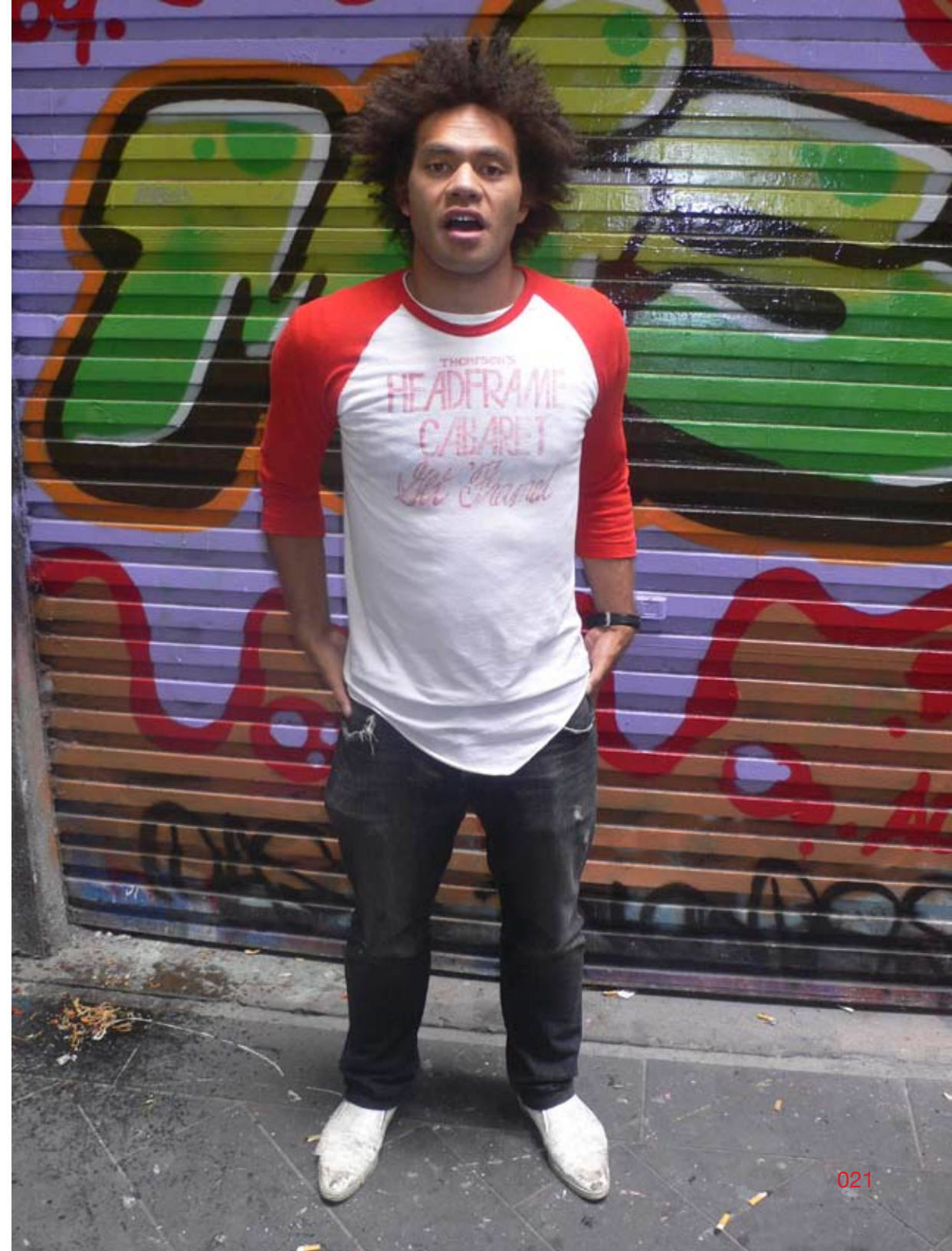
“My New York State of Mind is one that is very competitive and relentlessly ambitious. In New York you can’t do anything half-assed and expect any kind of results. You have to do everything 120 percent to get anywhere because you are competing with the best of the best in every field. It’s the place where I truly learned how competitive a person I am. New York is really where people go to compete, so if I know if I don’t have that competitive mentality, I’m probably better off living somewhere else. One can’t give up if things aren’t going as they planned, (which they most likely will living in New York) rather, one must adjust themselves accordingly and still fight to pursue their dreams and live with the fact that if there is no fight involved, the dream was probably never meant to come true.”

TUTU

AN AUSSIE IN NEW YORK

“What I love about New York is that there’s an energy that you can feel in the street, electricity in the air. You can walk anywhere and there’s always something new being created, or something exciting around the corner that you want to be a part of or watch. Walking down Broadway or hanging out in the Meat Packing District is like walking on the set of a movie in Breakfast at Tiffany’s or Studio 54. There are so many influences and coolness being draped off laneways, subways, boutique stores or hidden bars. You can get lost and then found again whenever you want.

I love NYC and want to be crystallised in Brooklyn like FOREVER.”



KEYSTONE DESIGN UNION DAVID GENSLER



“For us, our home and place of work is Brooklyn. To the outside world that might seem like the same thing, but to New Yorkers, Brooklyn is Brooklyn.

As a whole, our city offers what many might refer to as a great melting pot. Creatively speaking, I could not imagine more diversity being condensed into less area. This cocktail of density and diversity create a never-ending wellspring of innovation and inspiration.

With the good also comes the bad - NYC can be a greatly segmented microcosm of hyper competitiveness that at times works to defeat progress and detracts from the unity, I personally think should link artists and designers.

Progress either comes from cooperation or conflict. So in a place like NYC, through either of these forces, progress is almost constant. That alone makes this some of the most fertile creative soil on earth.

Our group (The Keystone Design Union) is a hub for creative professionals around the world - I am not sure if we could accomplish what we do if we were located in another city. New York has the aura and swagger that allows big dreams to take root and grow like weeds. Almost any dream is nothing more than a train rides distance away.

To quote Mr. Sinatra, ‘If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere.’”

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To celebrate Rochambeau’s second collection, The KDU created a one of a kind 19” x 22” hand made book. The book serves as a temporary artifact showcasing the brands most recent collection - then will self destruct through an accelerated oxidation.

The fine papers, leathers and silk used in the construction will soon be overcome by the gold, silver, bronze, copper and iron hand painted and embedded on each page.



DAYMON GREEN

NYC LIKES: Pizza slices, kids breaking on the F train, Flip-rican wifey, stoop sitting in Bushwick, Katz's pastrami, weed delivery, the L.E.S, bum's with style, my Tone Loc looking doorman, Pooch, young chicks in J's, and the whole "I dont give a FUCK!" attitude.

ANDREAS LASZLO KONRATH

“I love New York because I can skateboard through the streets at all hours and get places fast! I hate New York because I get tickets for skateboarding on the sidewalk!”

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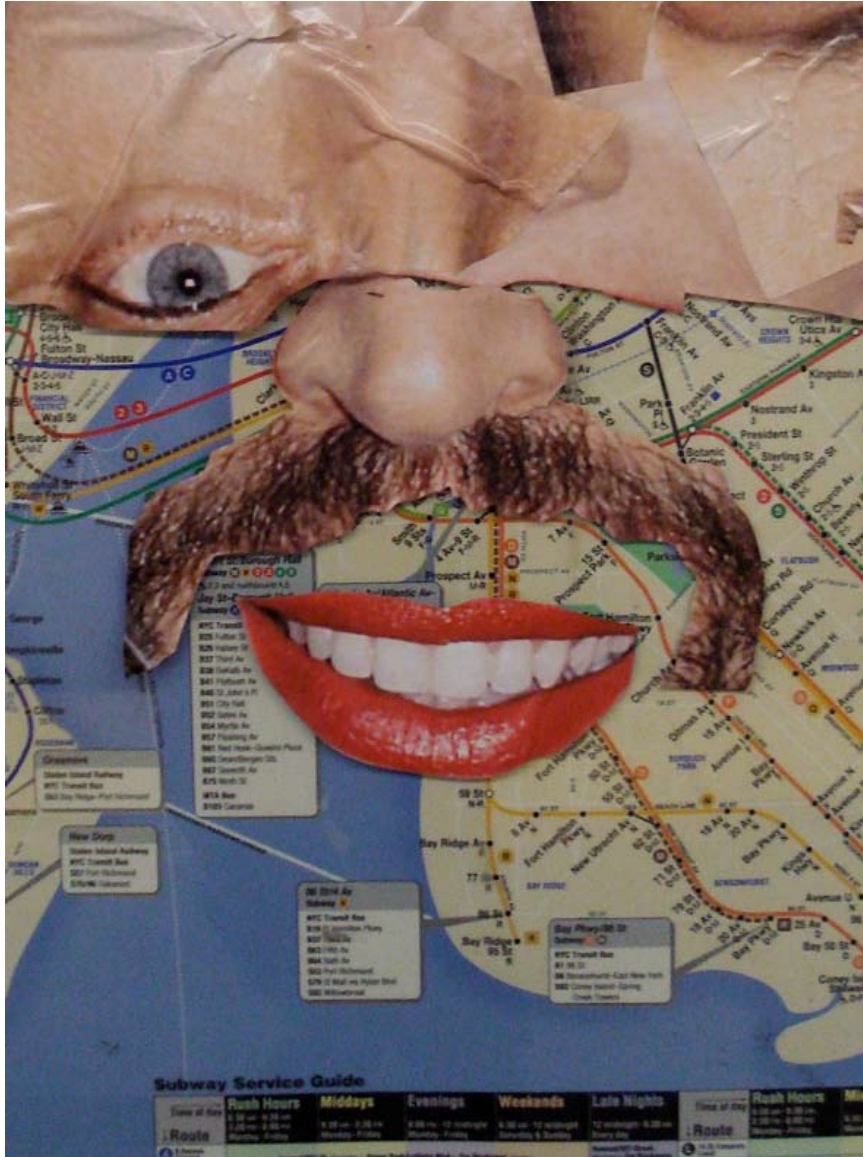
POSTER BOY

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PHOTOS OF POSTER BOY BY DANIEL CARRUS



"Where I'm from, if you go by the book, it's a very slow process to get what you want," - POSTER BOY - NYMAG

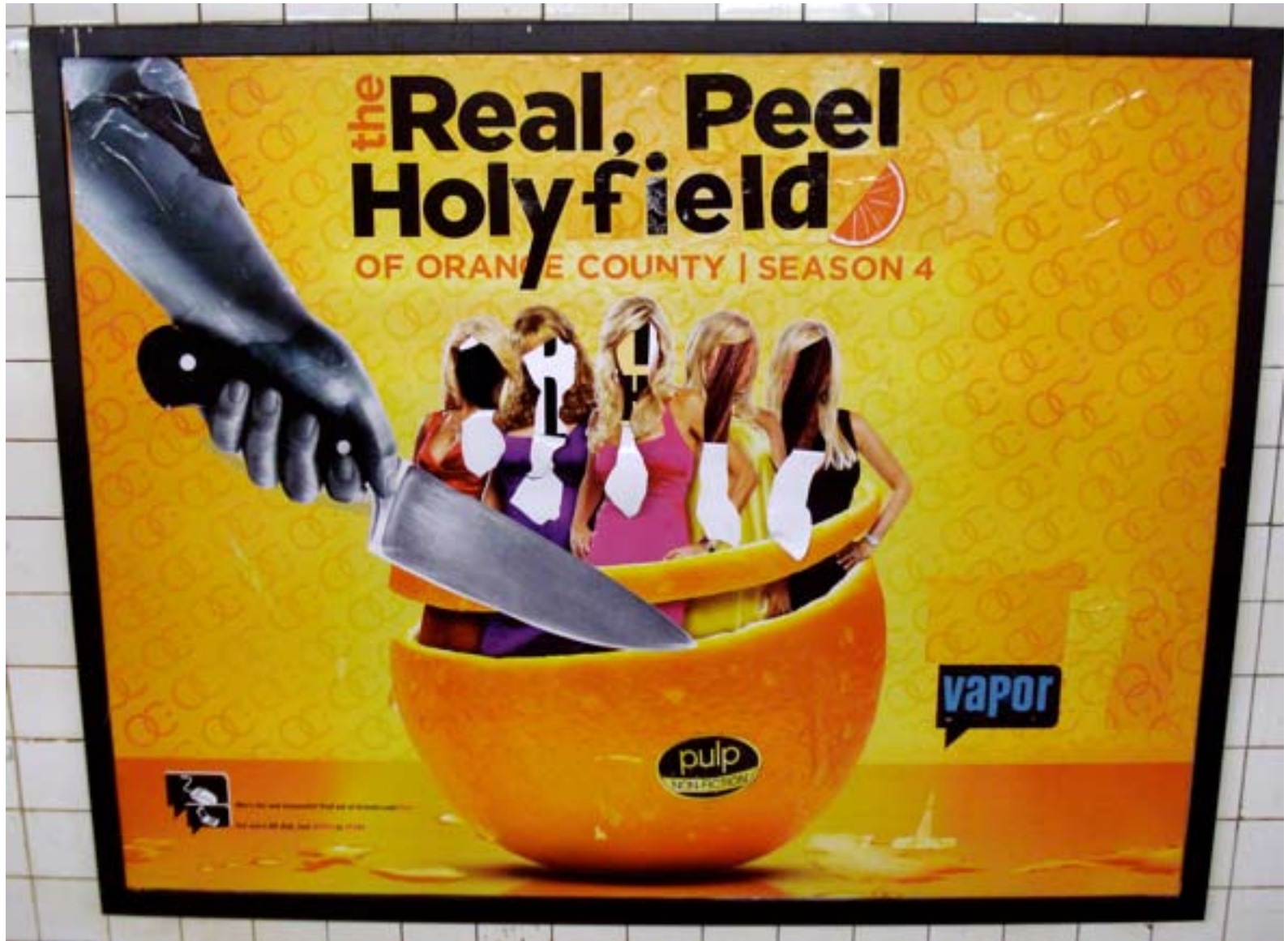


“YOU ARE HER(E)”



“BALDESSARI”

PHOTOS COURTESY OF POSTER BOY



“PULP”



“WHO'S PUNISHED?”



"EAT HER HEAD"



"IT'S BRITNEY BITCH!"



"I C U"



"WALKING DEAD"



“PINK CLOUD WHATS GOOD?”



“GENTRIFICATION”



"NEW YORK BOAST"



"GONE INDIANS 2"



MADE IN BROOKLYN

A PHOTO STORY BY
ANDREAS LASZLO KONRATH

“When I photographed this group of skateboarders from Bushwick, it was apparent that our childhood’s could not have been more different (myself being from a middle class up bringing in a suburb of London, and these kids being from a project in Brooklyn). But the common link that allowed us to interact was something as simple as a skateboard. A wooden toy allowed me to communicate with these kids and realize that we’re somehow the same. So in them, I managed to find myself.”





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INSTANT VINTAGE

“My New York state of mind at the moment is returning to the basics. A polaroid, some natural light, the model (Dulce Ruby) and my cramped shooting (and living) space in Brooklyn. It’s a throwback to the recession filled days of NYC in the eighties.”

ABDUL SMITH

PINK SHORTS - DIESEL
WHITE TANK - URBAN OUTFITTERS
SPECTACLES - MODEL'S OWN



BOYSHORTS - VICTORIA SECRET/PINK
SWEATSHIRT - IRONIC EXTINCTION
HAT - MODEL'S OWN

BANANA SHORTS – MODEL'S OWN





SHINY BLACK TIGHTS - FOREVER 21 SCARF - MODEL'S OWN

SHINY BLACK TIGHTS - FOREVER 21
BLACK BRA - RAMPAGE



BLACK TIGHTS - AMERICAN APPAREL
BLACK TANK - AMERICAN APPAREL
TROUSER SOCKS - AMERICAN APPAREL
SHADES - MODEL'S OWN





BACKSTAGE

BRADFORD GREGORY

Trovata Fall '09 Collection show / New York Fashion Week













NOUVEAU TRASH

“There are garbages everywhere in the street of New York City. New York is called [the] ‘Big Apple’ and people and things come from all over the world. Likewise, garbages do. To me as a junk collector, New York is such an interesting place even though it is disgusting sometimes.”

TATSURO NISHIMURA











TAKE EVERYTHING

MILA VICTORIA & CLAUDINE BALTAZAR

ALL DRESSES BY MIKHAEL KALE F/W 09
MODEL: SHIYA (SUTHERLAND)
MAKE UP BY MAC COSMETICS









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EMAN

JUSTIN BORBELY

STYLING: MICHELLE LYTE (JUDY INC)
HAIR/MAKEUP: SYLVIE MAZEROLLE (JUDY INC)
MODEL: EMANUEL (ELMER OLSEN)



BLACK CARDIGN & WHITE SHIRT BY FIFTH AVENUE SHOE REPAIR



CAPE BY KSUBI
SHORTS BY FIRTH AVENUE SHOE REPAIR
SHOES BY LUCA DLE FORTE



BLACK DISTROYED SWEATER BY KSUBI
SHOES BY DOLCE & GABBANA
BLACK TIGHTS, STYLISTS' OWN





COAT BY KSUBI SHORTS BY FIFTH AVENUE SHOE REPAIR TANK BY CHEAP MONDAY SHOES LUCA DEL FORTE



TANK BY KSUBI
PANTS BY FIFTH AVENUE SHOE REPAIR



SHIRT BY KSUBI
PANTS BY FIFTH AVENUE SHOE REPAIR
SHOES BY LUCA DEL FORTE



MESH SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT BY KSUBI
STRIPPED UNDERSHIRT BY CHEAP MONDAY



REVOLT SIMPLICITY



WILLIAM THOMAS KEATING

HAIR/MAKEUP: DON ROKICKI
MODEL: YULIA (MARILYN NY)

HEAD WRAP AND BIKINI TOP
BY AMERICAN APPAREL
TOP DOLCE GABBANA



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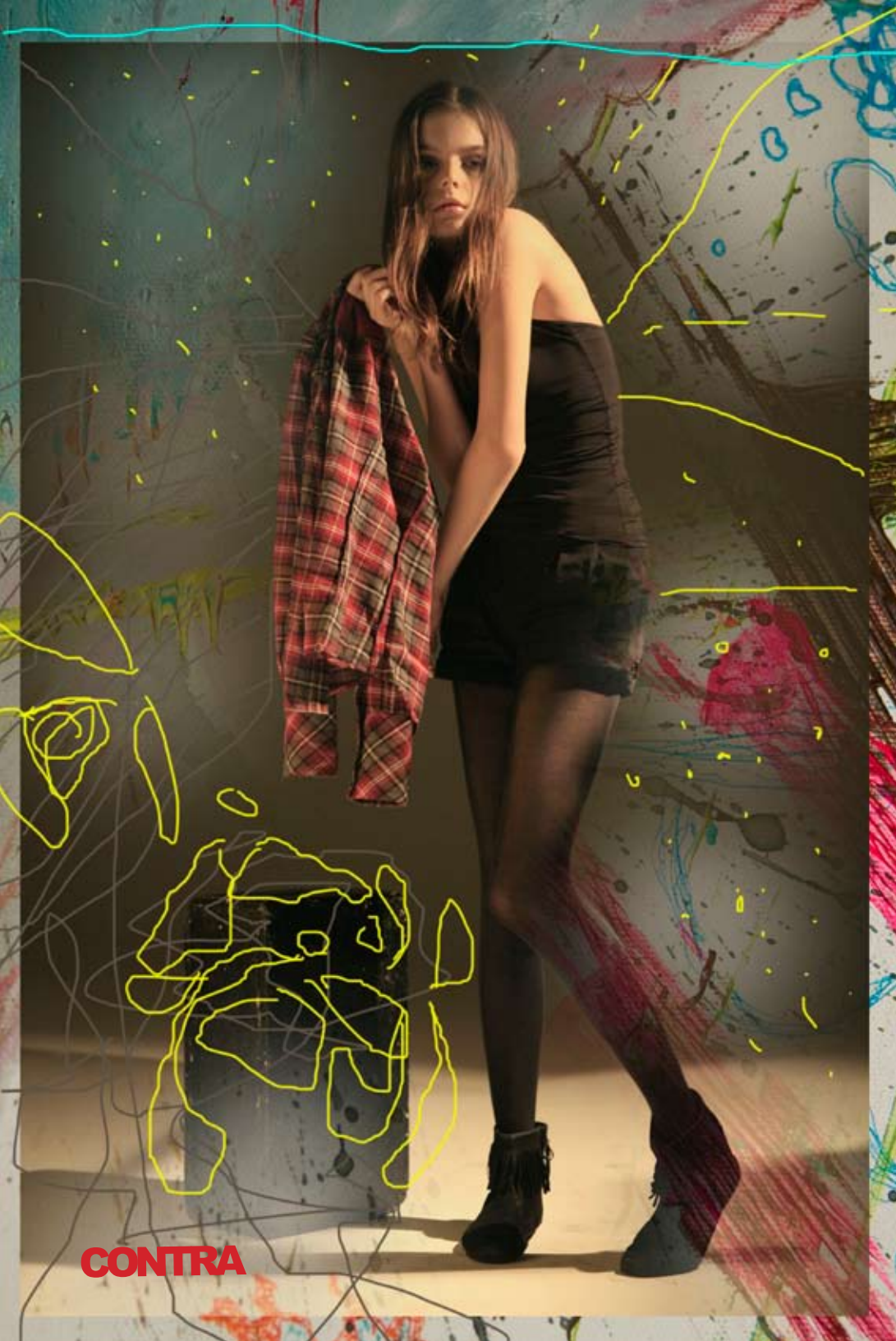
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SLEEVELESS HOODIE BY AMERICAN APPAREL



FLANNEL BY
DOLCE & GABBANA





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JACKET AND FLANNEL BY DOCLE & GABBANA

SV/SV

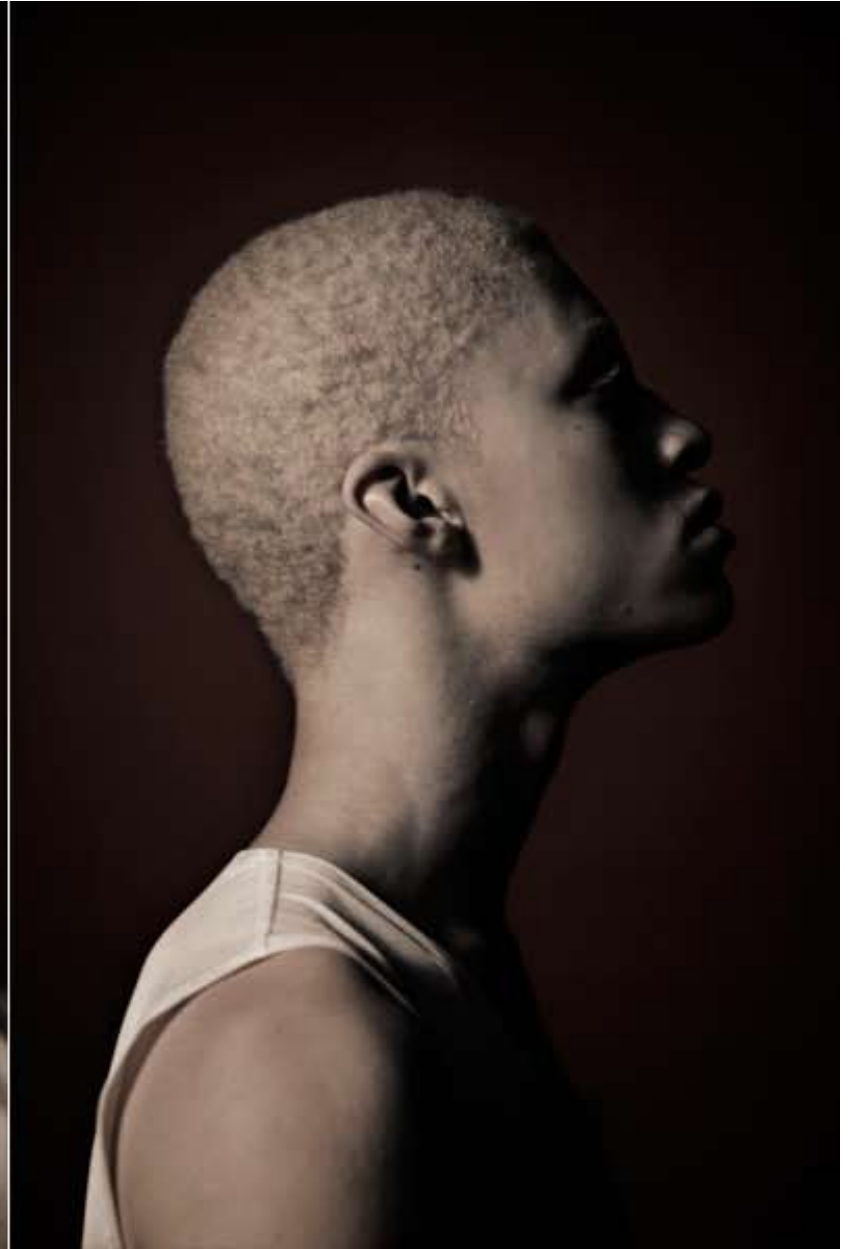
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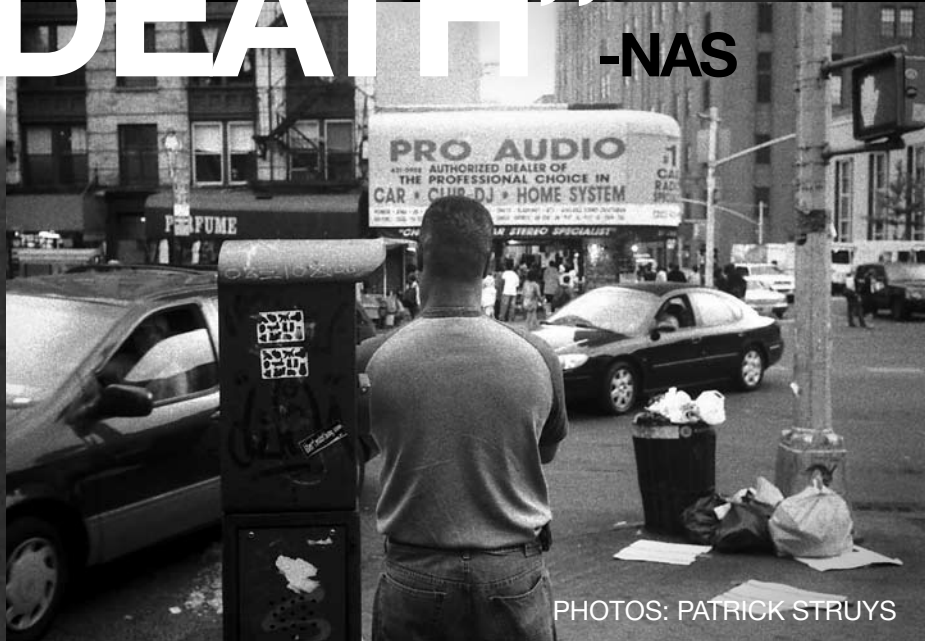
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**“I NEVER SLEEP, CAUSE SLEEP
IS THE COUSIN OF DEATH”**

-NAS



PHOTOS: PATRICK STRUYS

IN THE
WORKS
AARON WOJACK





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NEW YORK SUMMER
OUXU CHENG

















PETER BITTENBENDER AND JASON GOLDWATCH DECON CO-FOUNDERS

NEVER NOT FRESH

JASON GOLDWATCH FOR DECON

“We Think Global. We Act Local”



THE ALCHEMIST BACKSTAGE AT SOME SHITTY VENUE, ON THE "FRESH RHYMES AND VIDEOTAPE TOUR"



BILLAL, KIDCUDI, 88-KEYS, & JUST BLAZE
AT 88'S RECORD LISTENING PARTY



88-KEYS GETS MOLDED FOR
THE "STAY UP!" (VIAGRA) VIDEO
FEATURING KANYE WEST

PHARRELL AND 70,000 CLOSE FRIENDS





YOUNG BUCK AT A CAR WASH IN TENNESSE

EVIDENCE IN HIS HOME STUDIO DURING
THE MAKING OF "THE RELEASE PARTY"



JAY-Z FROM THE AMERICAN GANGSTER TOUR
DURING FILMING OF THE "PRAY" VIDEO





JAY ELECTRONICA SHOT OVERSEAS ON
SHOOT FOR "ENTRANCES AND EXITS"



GAVIN MCINNES ON SET OF "A MILLION IN THE MORNING"



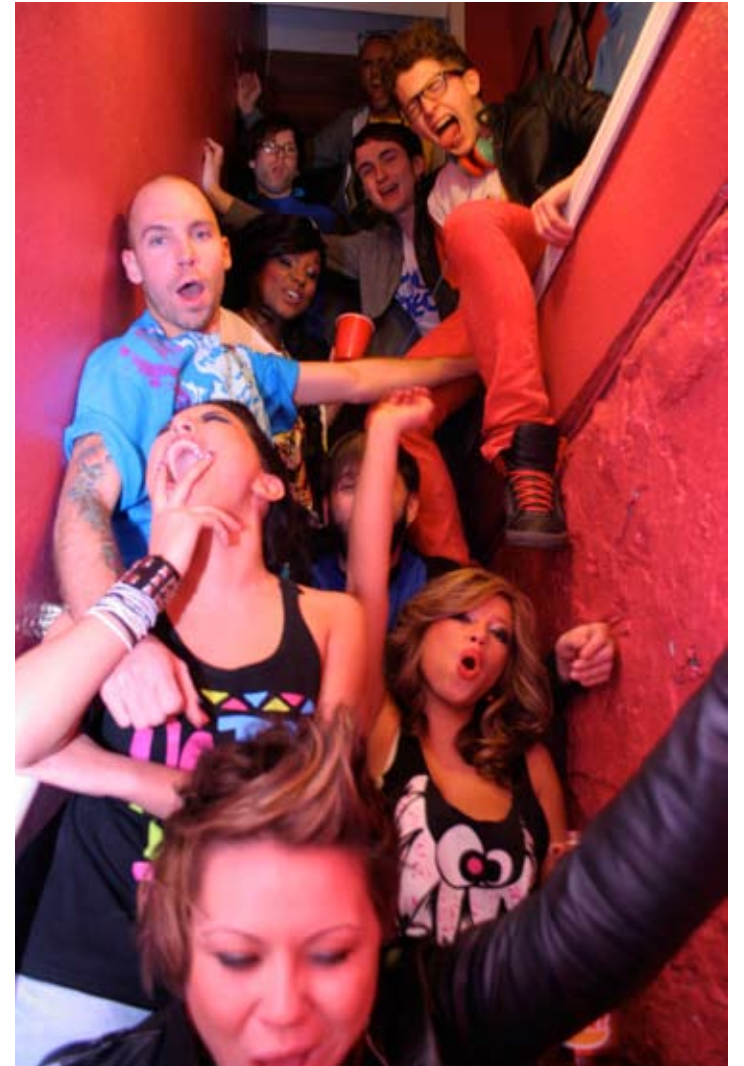
CREEPS COME OUT AT NIGHT

LUIS MORA CLOTHING: CREEP STREET
MAKE UP: BROCK STACEY





- Creep Street is motherfucking filthy!













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