Dean West

Photography
United States

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Professional Experience and Curriculum Vitae
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Australian. B 1983 Based in New York City

Previous Clientele
DIsney, Fox Sports, Bombay Sapphire, MTV, St Germain, Starburst

Awards and Accolades
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International brands have embraced West's vision through partnerships and important clients such as Disney, MTV, Bombay Sapphire, and Fox Sports. Recognized as one of Saatchi & Saatchi's "Top 100 Emerging Photographers" in 2008, West has also been honored with "Advertising Photographer of the Year" at the International Loupe Awards (2008) and the prestigious "Arte Laguna Prize" in Venice, Italy (2009).

International art curators have taken notice of the accomplished skill West applies to both his digital photography technique and the complex, cerebral narratives offered in his images. His works have been exhibited at important institutions around the world including the Columbus Museum of Art (2012), Faneuli Hall Museum of Boston (2015), the Paris Expo Porte De Versailles (2015), Puls 5 Gallery in Zürich, and the Discovery Times Square Museum in New York City (2014). Hailed as one of the most promising artists of his generation and identified as one of the most accomplished practitioners of digital image making as an art form, West has been honored by acquisitions of his work by some of the most prestigious collections of contemporary art, including that of Sir Elton John.

Awards and Accolades
Winner of the IV International Arte Laguna Prize

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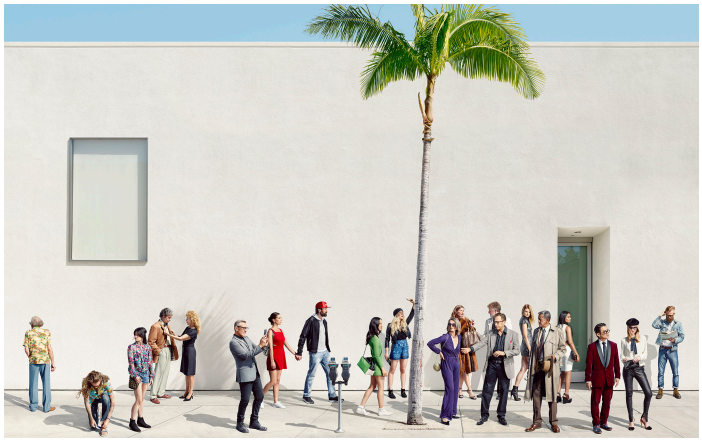



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