

QUITTED LOVE, OF ECSTASY AND JOY AND THE DEEPEST SADNESS. THE ONE MESSAGE THAT IS CLEAR THROUGHOUT IS THIS... THAT WHICH WE HOLD BEAUTIFUL WE IN FACT CAN ONLY SEE THROUGH THE LENS OF LOVE.

WE OFTEN SEEK AND SHOW LOVE THROUGH OUR EYES. THE MEASURE OF WHAT IS GOOD AND RIGHT IN THE WORLD IS TRULY IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER, AND IT IS THROUGH THIS NOTION THAT THIS COLLECTION OF WORK UNQUESTIONABLY SHINES. SOMETIMES POETIC, SOMETIMES YEARNING, SOMETIMES RAW AND PROVOCATIVE, BUT NEVER DISHONEST. TIME IS SUSPENDED, ALL ELSE FALLS AWAY AND WE ARE LEFT ALONE

WITH THE ARTIST HOLDING HIS CAMERA AND HIS BRUSH, AND SEEING BEAUTY JUST AS HE DOES – IN ALL OF ITS INTOXICATING, EXHILARATING DIMENSIONS. THE ENCHANTMENT OF A STRANGER, THE DESIRE OF A LOVER – THE MOMENT CAPTURED FOR ALL ETERNITY.

I INVITE YOU TO SHARE THIS EXPERIENCE WITH ME... TO ENJOY THE MANIFOLD PLEASURES OF ONE MAN'S VISION. IT IS WITH IMMENSE WARMTH AND DELIGHT THAT I INTRODUCE TO YOU THE BIRTH OF ONE OF MY FAVORITE NEW ARTISTS, RAPHAEL MAZZUCCO.

–CARINE ROITFELD / PARIS VOGUE



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THE FRENCH PAINTER MARC CHAGALL ONCE SAID, "IN OUR WORLD THERE IS A SINGLE COLOR WHICH PROVIDES THE MEANING OF LIFE AND ART. IT IS THE COLOR OF LOVE." THIS IS THE PALETTE FROM WHICH RAPHAEL MAZZUCCO TAKES HIS FIRST BRUSH STROKES... A PALETTE ADORNED WITH COLORS OF JOY, OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION... ALL DELIVERED FROM A PLACE OF QUIET OBSERVATION. THE TASK OF THE ARTIST IS TO NEGOTIATE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND SUBJECT, RENDERING MUTE THE VOICES OF PROTEST. FROM THIS COMES A SINGULARITY OF PERSPECTIVE... A

MOMENT DURING WHICH RAPHAEL HAS FALLEN IN LOVE AND WE ARE INVITED IN TO INDULGE WITH HIM. THE HEART SOARS... OUR SENSES ARE HEIGHTENED. WE LISTEN MORE ACUTELY, SCRUTINIZE MORE INTENSELY. WE DRINK IN SIGHTS, SOUNDS, COLORS, TASTES; IN THIS INSTANT THE IMAGES HOLD OUR SENSES CAPTIVE, COMMANDING AND DEDICATING OUR IMAGINATION.

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FOR RAPHAEL, BEAUTY IS EMOTION. HE SPEAKS THROUGH A UNIQUE CONSTELLATION OF ANGLES, CURVES AND REFLECTION OF SHAPE AND SHADOW. THE IMAGES HEarken FROM A DEEP AND PRIMAL PLACE – A PLACE OF STAR-CROSSED LOVERS, OF UNRE-