

"Selfie King" Jean Pigozzi Showcases New Work At Art Basel Hong Kong

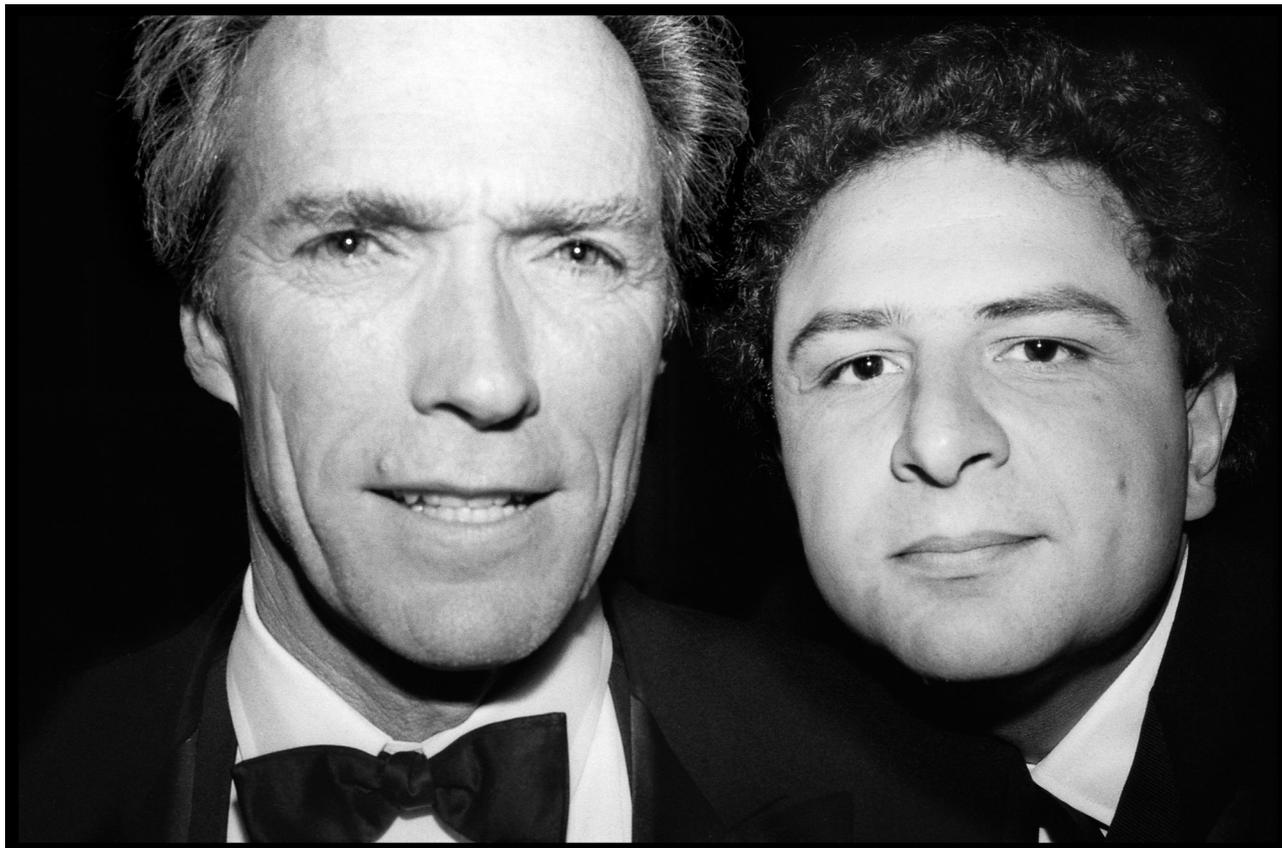
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It may be hard to believe, but there was a time when nobody took selfies. "When I started taking selfies, no one did it," says businessman, art collector and photographer Jean Pigozzi, who's been dubbed the "selfie king" by the press.

"The first one I took was with Faye Dunaway. She was the first Hollywood star I ever met and I was a trembling young freshman at Harvard," Pigozzi recalls. That was in 1973 and Pigozzi has never looked back. Since then, he's taken selfies with hundreds of celebrity friends including Mick Jagger, Lady Gaga and Andy Warhol. Pigozzi's selfie series is ongoing, but he's recently debuted a new series of photographs of his two dogs, who are named after the advertising executive Charles Saatchi.

"I think Charles Saatchi was amused I named my dogs after him," Pigozzi says. "The dogs I had before, one was called Mick for Mick Jagger, one was called Bono, one was called Jimmy for Jimmy Goldsmith. I always name my dogs after my friends." These new photos are currently on display at Galerie Gmurzynska's booth at Art Basel in Hong Kong—start the gallery to see a selection:

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Jean Pigozzi with director and actor Clint Eastwood



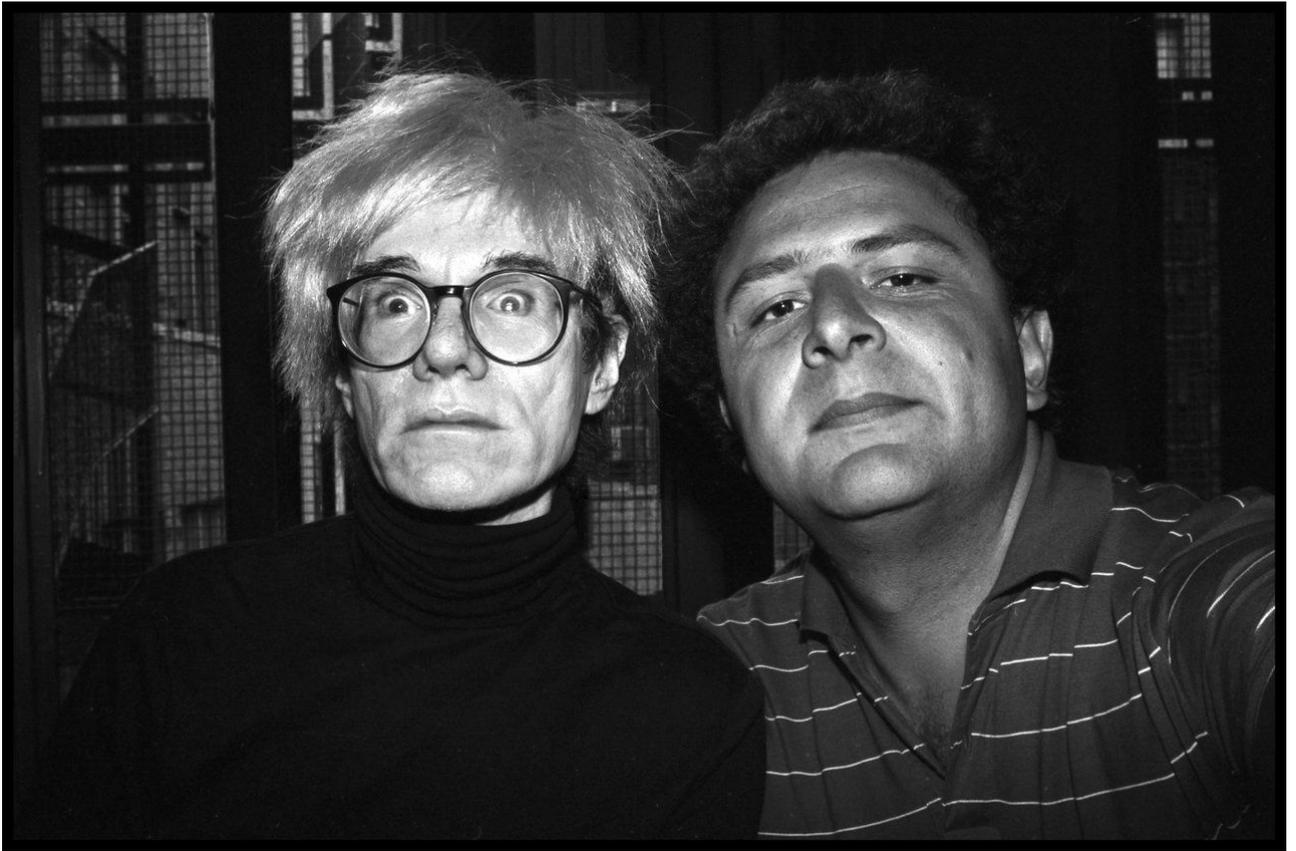
Jean Pigozzi with French actress Catherine Deneuve



Jean Pigozzi with Woody Allen. "Once I was in the south of France with Woody Allen, and thirty people came over and not one of them asked for an autograph - they all wanted selfies," Pigozzi recalls.



Jean Pigozzi with Woody Allen.



Jean Pigozzi with Andy Warhol.



Jean Pigozzi, "Charles and Saatchi" (2017)



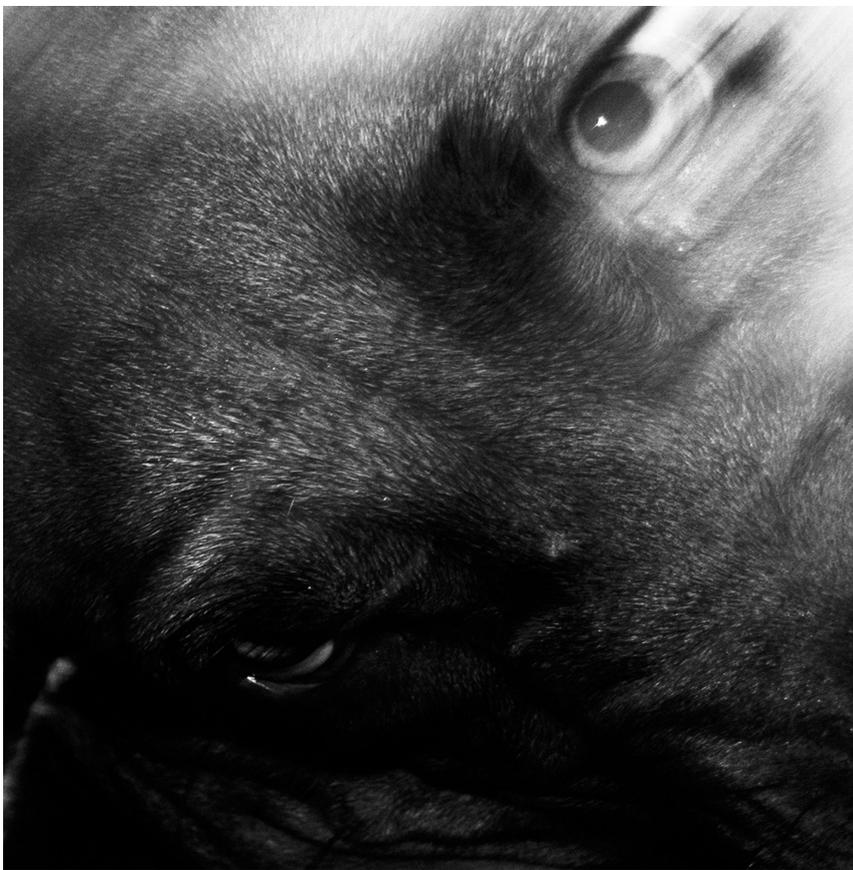
Jean Pigozzi, "Charles and Saatchi" (Untitled 15) (2017)



Jean Pigozzi, "Charles and Saatchi" (Untitled 11) (2017)



Jean Pigozzi, "Charles and Saatchi" (Untitled 9) (2017)



Jean Pigozzi, "Charles and Saatchi" (Untitled 2) (2017)