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**Uffizi Gallery, Italy 1978**

I went to Florence on an art school trip. We were touring round the Uffizi gallery. This almost looks like a kind of an act of worship. These were museum staff concerned about something to do with the painting stretcher.

# Exhibition in a Box

I miss the darkroom so partly did these for the pleasure of spending time printing again. I used to do all my own developing and printing. Now I spend half my time sitting at a computer. In the eighties and nineties I'd be in the darkroom every day. In Oxford, London, and New York I'd built my own darkroom. The first obstacle to printing again was that I'd given away all my equipment. I found that one of the last community darkrooms in the country was near where I live. I joined the Silverhill Darkroom in Hastings. Because it was 20 years since I'd last printed it took a while to get going. After drying and flattening I couldn't help seeing that my first 150 prints were not good enough. Three weeks work was scrapped. I enjoyed printing though. In a darkroom I work standing up moving between the enlarger and developing trays. I have music or the radio playing. I have a break from email etc as even looking at an iphone fogs the paper.

I went back through my film pictures choosing the ones to print. The selection was entirely subjective. Some of the pictures were done before I was working professionally. Most were done originally while working freelance or for the *Tatler* and *Vanity Fair*. I wanted to revisit these old pictures and do a new edit. I mainly chose particular favorites but also some pictures had stayed in my head over the years. How I feel about the pictures goes up and down. Some of the pictures have never really been printed properly before. The *Bloody Assizes* drinks party picture for example I rejected at the time and didn't include in my final edit of Oxford dining clubs. It was taken at the first Oxford party I photographed. When I came across the old print of it again after 35 years later it stood out. So I decided to include in my box set. Some favorite pictures I printed and then rejected. A couple have never been shown on the internet or published. This isn't a definitive selection from that period as there are many more, but these all stand out. After finishing 50 prints I couldn't stop and kept adding more making a total of 59 images. I printed 6 boxes in my favorite size, 11 x 14 inches. So each print is from an edition of 6. Because the size of the box is about the size of a large photo book, the box can sit amongst a photo book collection. Or someone can curate their own exhibition of my work and frame their choices. The box has 59 fibre silver gelatine prints.

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**Onanist dinner. Macmillan Room.  
Oxford Union 1980**

The Onanists were a dining club. After dinner they competed in racing down the table.



**James Sainsbury. Monday Club dinner.  
Worcester College. Oxford 1980**

After-dinner speeches and toasts to Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan degenerated to singing and some Nazi-style salutes.



**Jonathan Shepherd and Roland Scarfe.  
Bloody Assizes drinks party.  
Oxford 1980**

I didn't include in my final edit of Oxford dining clubs for the Sunday Times magazine in 1980. But when I came across the old print of it again after 35 years of photographing people at parties I realised I'd never seen anyone else with quite such a horrific expression.



**Nick Kermack, Richard Bott,  
John Stonehouse, Jonathan Burnham,  
and Robin Howard. Oxford 1980**

This was a dinner for the members of the Piers Gaveston society. I made my excuses just after we moved on to a room with a waterbed.



**Josephine Valentine. Keats Dinner.  
Studley Priory. Oxford 1980**



**Sliding down the marquee during the  
New College May Ball. Oxford 1983**



**Nigella Lawson playing croquet at a  
Dangerous Sports Club tea party. Given  
at the Gloucestershire home of the  
Dutch Ambassador Robbert Fack 1981**



**Lady Henrietta Bathurst at the Cinderella  
Ball. Dorchester Hotel. London 1980**





**William Nott and Edward Hoare at the  
Grattan-Bellew/Sebag-Montefiore/  
Courtauld dance. Boodles.  
London 1981**



**Couple in bumping car. Worcester  
May Ball. Oxford 1981**





**Clive Cooke being sprayed.  
Grosvenor Street. London 1981**



**Debutante in a Lily pond. Pop Vincent  
pushed in by Charles Mcdowell during  
the Martin Betts Dance. Ascot 1982**

During the evening several guests ended up  
in the pond.



**Marcella Perfect at the Feathers Ball.  
Hammersmith Palais. London 1981**



**Henrietta Thompson's hand. Falklands  
Ball. Grosvenor House. London 1982**



**Alexander Fyjis-Walker dancing with  
Sarah Fazakerly during the Trinity Ball.  
Cambridge 1981**



**Crispin Balfour rolling along at the Dangerous Sports Club  
tea party. Given at the Gloucestershire home of the  
Dutch Ambassador, Robbert Fack 1981**



**Nick Straker, James Sainsbury &  
Kate Murray-Phillipson. Bullingdon  
Point to Point. Kingston Blount.  
Oxford 1982**



**Lady Gowrie and the Hon  
Nicholas Soames. Sotheby's.  
London 1987**



**Inflatable Perrier bottle at Henley  
during the regatta July 1984**



**Carolyn Wroughton and  
Shona McKinney at a 30th birthday  
party. Polish Club. London 1988**

**Julian Alison in the river.**  
**May morning. Oxford 1983**



**The Queen in London.**  
**Shaftesbury Avenue.**  
**London November 1983**







**Revellers. Sandhurst  
Commissioning Ball 1988**



**Julian Charles Leader. Sandhurst  
Commissioning Ball 1988**

**Burning boat, Oriel.  
Oxford 1984**

Each year the college that rowed 'head of the river' set fire to an old boat after a celebration dinner. There was a chant of 'No Women' echoing around the quad as the college had just voted to allow women students.



**Georgia Metcalf looking for her coat  
at the Valentine Ball.  
Oxford Union 1984**







**Guests dancing in the pond. Marriage of  
Ari Campbell-Mcnair-Wilson to  
Nick Ashley. Hampshire 1984**



**Trinity May Ball. Cambridge June 1984**

Someone commented that this picture was a sad reflection on the state of English manhood.



**Snoggers at the Feathers Ball.  
Hammersmith Palais.  
London 1981**



**Charles Ingleby. Glazien Hall.  
London 1982**



**Toby Russell eating candyfloss.  
London 1988**



**Miss Francesca Hobart at the  
Palladian Revels. Chiswick House.  
London 1988**



**Col. Gerald Draper and  
Mrs. Gerald Draper at the  
Mark Florman/Alexia Anninos  
wedding reception.**



**Suzannah Starkey at the Rose Ball.  
Grosvenor House. London 1988**



**Megan Davies, Catherine FitzGerald,  
Katherine Guinness, Sarah Harvey-Kelly,  
Lady Tara Crichton, Jago Irwin at a  
New Year's Eve Party given by  
Erskine & Louise Guinness.  
Dublin 1988**

**Liz Brewer, Shakira Caine, Dorit Zarach,  
Lady Russell and Lord Francis Russell  
at a Yves St. Laurent fashion show.  
Duke of Yorks Barracks.  
London 1988**





**Le piques assiettes, guests reaching for canapes  
at a cocktail party after a fashion show.  
Couture week. Paris 1991**



**Lotte Thomas, John Lorimar,  
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Wentworth-Stanley.  
Birthday party. Clivenden 1986**



**Martin Amis with his first wife Antonia Phillips.  
Holland Park 1985**

I was delighted to find the lost negative for this picture, so I included it in the box.





**Benita Douglas-Robertson on Matt Gomez.  
Blizzard Ball. London 1986**



**Lucian Freud at Lord Antony Lambton's book party.  
London 1983**



**Hugh Grant, Marina Killery,  
Lulu Rivett-Carnac, Lord Neidpath and  
Catherine Guinness. Piers Gaveston Ball.  
Park Lane Hotel  
London 1983**

This was the last Piers Gaveston party I photographed. The Dress code was 'Garden of Earthly Delights' after the painting by Hieronymus Bosch.

**Mica Ertegun and Irith Landeau  
leaving the Literary Lions.  
New York Public Library.  
42nd Street. 1989**







**Martha Reed with champagne twizzle stick. Spanish gold medal Gala. Pierre Hotel. New York 1989**



**Victorian Spanking Society party. Industria Superstudio. New York 1994**

This was a lesbian party - Paper magazine organised my access somehow.



**Tarig Siddigi being thrown out of Shaftesbury's, London 1984**

### **Virginia von Furstenberg 1991**

I wasn't on the list for this Ball given by Count Volpi in Venice.  
Luckily a friend gave me a ride in a launch which also included  
some members of the Greek royal family.  
On arrival we were swept in.



**Dachshunds fighting over doggy  
canapes. Iris Love (holding Just  
Desserts) & Brooke Astor (holding  
Dolly Astor) at a Dachshund Party.  
Barbetta. New York 1990**



**Ivana Trump Plaza Hotel. New York 1990**

This was in the middle of the Donald Trump divorce from Ivana which was being played out every day in the press. Street fashion photographer Bill Cunningham is there in the background coming up. Everyone was looking at Ivana. A couple of women laughing. Ivana had a forced grin but for a moment it all was too much for her.



**Kate Moss & Johnny Depp.  
James Danziger Gallery.  
Prince Street.  
New York 1995**

**Mick Jagger, Madonna & Tony Curtis  
at the Vanity Fair Oscar Night Party  
Los Angeles 1997**

First Mick was sitting by himself looking bored, and then Madonna crossed the room to sit down next to him. He livened up and became quite animated. Then Tony Curtis came along and sat down at the same table and started monopolising Madonna. Some years later Terence Pepper selected it for the Vanity Fair portraits exhibition which opened at the National Portrait Gallery although it had never been published in the magazine..







**Elephants walking through midtown  
Manhattan at 1am to the Circus.  
New York 1993**



**Norman Rosenbaum pushing through cops to  
march across Brooklyn Bridge to City Hall.  
He and family were furious after Jury  
acquitted the man accused of murdering his  
younger brother.  
New York 1992**



**Kathleen Zimbimcki, Adrienne Heinrich,  
Eleanor Kriedberg wearing Warhol masks.  
Opening of the Warhol Museum.  
Pittsburg 1994**



**Scarlett Johansson and Naomi Watts.  
Charles Finch pre-Bafta party.  
San Lorenzo 2004**

**Surprise birthday party given  
for Baron Bentinck.  
The Vale. London 1997**





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