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1980



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ARTIST	Robert Mapplethorpe 1946–1989
MEDIUM	Photograph, gelatin silver print on paper
DIMENSIONS	Support: 340 x 341 mm frame: 686 x 659 x 28 mm
COLLECTION	Tate / National Galleries of Scotland
ACQUISITION	ARTIST ROOMS Acquired jointly with the National Galleries of Scotland through The d'Offay Donation with assistance from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Art Fund 2008
REFERENCE	AR00225

ONLINE CAPTION

Mapplethorpe portrays himself as the archetypal bad boy, with black leather jacket, dark shirt, cigarette hanging out of the corner of his mouth, the coolly appraising gaze and the carefully coiffed 1950s-style hair. Mapplethorpe was keen to promote this image of himself as cool and impervious to emotion. The composition helps to underscore this. The pose is wholly frontal and composed so that his mouth lies at the very centre of the photograph.

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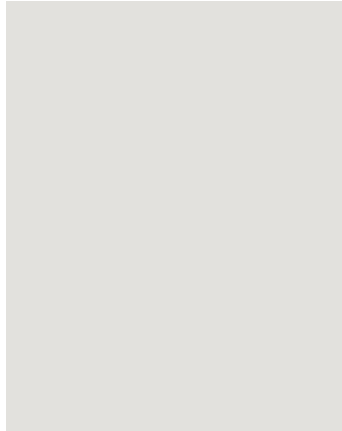
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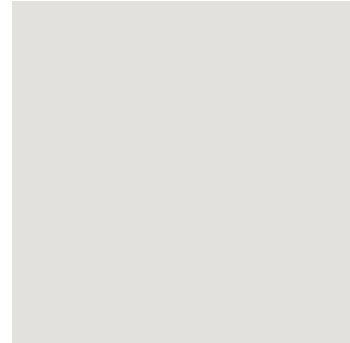
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