**David Lachapelle**

(1963 United States)

From his mum Helga, a housewife and amateur photographer, he inherited the passion for photography. He graduated at the "North Carolina of the Arts", so young he left the hometown to reach New York where he studied at the School of Visual Arts. LAChapelle’s photography career began in the 1980s when he began showing his artwork in New York City’s gallery. His work caught the eye of Andy Warhol, who offered him his first job as a photographer at *Interview Magazine*. He is described by the New York Times Magazine "The Fellini of photography". He took photos of many stars of film and music, from Madonna to Leonardo di Caprio, Uma Thurman and Elthon John. He has directed numerous commercials: Tommy Hilfiger, Lavazza, Nokia, L'Oréal, Diesel and Burger King. In 2006 he directed Romeo and Juliet, for H & M. In 2007 he made 'Awakened', a series of images on the Great Flood. He regularly collaborates with the magazines: iD, Arena*, The New York Times Magazine, Rolling Stones, The London Sunday Times and Vanity Fair.*