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Book signing

Sheila Metzner: From Life **A photographic book by Sheila Metzner**

"...Pictures hold their own place in time. They hold their own truth. Their own perfection".
Sheila Metzner

On Sunday May **20th**, 2018, **Sheila Metzner** will present the book "**Sheila Metzner: from Life**" at the Galleria Carla Sozzani Bookstore at **5.00 pm**.

Born in Brooklyn, Sheila attended Visual Communications at the Pratt Institute, and was then hired by Doyle Dane Bernbach advertising agency as its first female art director. She married art director, television commercial director, artist Jeffrey Metzner. She took pictures all the while, amassing them slowly over the next thirteen years, while raising their five children and his three children from a previous marriage. One of these photographs was included in a famous and controversial exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art - Mirrors and Windows: American Photography since 1960 - and became the dark horse hit of the exhibition. Sheila's fine art photographs were featured in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art, the International Center of Photography, the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Brooklyn Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago, and more.

Metzner presents her life's work in this exquisite oversized monograph of more than 300 photographs accompanied by stories of the inspirations behind her *oeuvre*. With memoir-like vignettes that accompany her photos, and including her intimate family portraits, fashion editorials, nudes, and sacred landscapes, this book is a deeply personal look at the artist's professional and biographical career. Featuring both her renowned advertising and fashion editorials and acclaimed fine art photography, this volume will appeal to aficionados of both ends of this creative spectrum.

The foreword comes from M. Raven Metzner, a television producer and screenwriter, and was a frequent photographic subject as Sheila Metzner's first child. Introduction is written by Hunter Drohojowska-Philp, who writes about modern art, design and architecture. A regular contributor to *Artnews*, *Artnet*, *Western Interiors and Design*, and the *Los Angeles Times* and is the author of *Full Bloom: The Art and Life of Georgia O'Keeffe*. Her photographs will be included in the upcoming J. Paul Getty, "Icons of Style: A Century of Fashion Photography 1911-2011" on June 25th 2018.

Sheila Metzner: From Life
Foreword by M.Raven Metzner and Introduction by Hunter Drohojowska-Philp
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