

## Cécile Plaisance

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Inspired by female friendships, Cécile Plaisance wants to have fun with an amusing, slightly off-beat character. She has also created a series using Barbie, a heroine who represents beauty, and reflects an image which is very in touch with today. Like a trip into our imagination, with an added touch of humour...

Sophisticated and clearly out of the line, the Barbie Series of Cécile Plaisance takes us back to childhood. Photographed in the sea, in the mountains, in New York... in the studio, the plastic dolls appear to be alive and posing. Details of their plastic features suddenly become tender flesh and their expressions become sensitive and ambiguous.

In this oblivious and ever happy world, Barbies appear as universal icons of necessary and permanent entertainment. Aren't we young forever? But Cecile Plaisance's Barbies don't belong to childhood. They definitively play with the innocence of her audience's gaze.

What if God were a woman? "Fuck the rules" is a series of photos that ignores established precepts and, instead, delivers on an open perspective in which men and women accompany one another religiously, like complementary souls. Far from the mummifying codes of religion, Cécile Plaisance invites us into the subtle and sensual freedom of the senses, where a woman can be seen as a female pope, as an exclusive mistress of her decisions.

Photography has always been a passion to her. Cecile quotes Helmut Newton as one of the greatest photographers, along with Barbara Kruger, Richard Avedon, Mel Ramos and Russel James whose works have inspired her. Nevertheless, for many years, Cecile Plaisance did not get the opportunity to develop her love for photography as she was taken in another direction with a career in finance. It is not until she settles in Brussels that she decides to devote more time to her passion. Over a three-year period, she studies the impact of light at Contraste Photography Agency. During various trips abroad she has the possibility to work on different shades of light: morning light in Senegal and the Mediterranean, light at midday in Miami, in Madagascar; without forgetting Broadway and its night lights...

Each ray of light, reflection on the sea, each break in the clouds, each light that is added, each neon lamp turned on, makes a difference. During her studies, she aims to work with light in its purest possible form.

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2019

AAF Hong Kong  
Art Market San Francisco  
AAF New York  
Mia Photo Fair Fair  
AAF Brussels  
AAF Battersea London  
Wynwood Art Fair  
Art Palm Spring  
LA Art Show  
Art Innsbruck  
Maison & Object Paris  
Art Palm Beach  
Erarta Museum, St Petersburg, Russia  
LA Art Show

2018

Context Art Miami  
AAF Hamburg  
8ème Avenue Paris  
AAF Battersea, New York, Hong Kong  
Art Market Hamptons  
SM'ART Aix en Provence  
Art Context New York  
Antibes Art Fair  
Kunstrai Amsterdam  
MIA Photo Art fair Milan  
Scop Miami Beach  
LA Art Show

Art Up Lille

LA Art show

2017

Art Market Hamptons  
Context New York  
Art Central Hong Kong  
Los Angeles Art Show  
AAF Bruxelles, Battersea, Hong Kong  
Scop Miami Beach

Context Art Miami

2016

AAF Brussels, Battersea, Hong Kong, New York  
Art Wynwood, Miami  
Art hamptons  
Art southamptons  
Art central, Hong Kong  
Los Angeles art show  
Context art fair, New York  
Rotterdam contemporary art fair  
Envie d Art gallery, Paris  
Rarity gallery, Mykonos  
Dock gallery, Rotterdam

2015

AAF Hamburg, Seoul, Singapore, New York, Hong Kong, Brussels  
Los Angeles art show  
Scope Miami  
Beirut art fair, Lebanon  
Cologne art fair, Germany  
Istanbul contemporary art fair  
8e avenue fair, Paris  
Art Hamptons  
Art Dubai  
Art Miami  
Art Southampton  
Scope Basel  
Palm Spring art fair  
Art palm beach  
l'Exil gallery, Paris  
Envie d Art gallery, Paris  
Envie d Art gallery, London  
Vogelsgang gallery, Brussels  
Opera gallery, Hong Kong  
Bel air fine art gallery, Switzerland

2014

Scope Basel  
Petit Jean gallery, Saint Tropez  
Los Angeles art show  
Art Hamptons  
AAF Brussels, London, Toronto, Hong Kong  
l'Exil gallery, Paris  
Art Miami  
Art Cologne  
Art Toronto  
L'art pour l'accueil, Brussels

2013

London Art Fair  
AAF Milan, Hong Kong, Brussels, London, Hampstead  
20-21 International Art Fair  
Art Hamptons  
Asia art fair, Hong Kong  
Envie d Art gallery, Paris VIII  
Artemiss gallery, Singapore  
Scope Miami  
Art Toronto  
New art fair, Paris

2012

Envie d'Art Gallery, Affordable Art Fair Battersea  
AAF Gent, United Gallery, Belgium  
Artemiss Gallery, Singapore  
AAF Singapore, Envie d'art galleries  
FotoFever Brussels, Envie d'art galleries  
Young Gallery Knokke, Barbie at the beach serie, Belgium  
UCCLE, Belgium  
Unica Punta, Bonifacio, Corse  
Art Hamptons with Samuel Owen Gallery  
AAF New York with Envie d'art gallery

2011

Young Gallery, Knokke, Belgium  
Charitic, Action sale

2010

Contraste, Brussels, Barbies Newtown tribute, Chantier, New York, Brésil,  
Jeunes Filles.

2009

Contraste, Autoportrait, Brussels