



## Latest *Sommergäste* exhibition explores rarely seen Cy Twombly photographs

**BASTIAN, 8 Davies Street, London W1K 3DW  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

BASTIAN have announced *Sommergäste: Cy Twombly*, an exhibition of selected photographs by the revered American artist. Offering a rare chance to see an underrepresented aspect of his oeuvre, this incredible series showcases Twombly's interest in flowers and floral still lifes which were a recurring motif throughout his practice.

From his student days at Black Mountain College until his death in 2011, Twombly captured his daily life in photographs. From candid close-up images of ancient buildings, sculptures, studio interiors and landscapes, to dreamy still lifes of objects and flowers, Twombly examined his everyday life in an intimate and timeless fashion.

Part of BASTIAN's standout summer series which shines a spotlight on a single artist or medium, the photographs on display highlight Twombly's unique eye for nature and composition, providing visitors with a thrilling insight into the late artist's life and creative outlook.

Having worked closely with renowned printers Michel and Jean-Francois Fresson to enlarge his Polaroid images on specialised copiers, the matt prints contain a rich, pigment tone, evoking a textural quality reminiscent of a dyed piece of fabric rather than a photograph. The editions remained very small, mostly limited to six impressions, emphasising Twombly's considered approach and dedication to the medium.

Exploring his interest in preserving particular moments, Cy Twombly once said: *"The past is a springboard for me.... Ancient things are new things. Everything lives in the moment; that's the only time it can live, but its influence can go on forever."*

## Notes to Editors

Title	<i>Sommergäste: Cy Twombly</i>
Exhibition Dates	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
Location	BASTIAN, 8 Davies Street, London W1K 3DW <a href="http://www.bastian-gallery.com">www.bastian-gallery.com</a> 020 3940 5009
Opening Hours	Tuesday - Saturday, 10am – 6pm
Admission	Free
Getting there	Located in the heart of Mayfair, the closest underground stations are Green Park (on the Jubilee, Piccadilly and Victoria lines) and Bond Street (on the Central and Jubilee lines). The nearest rail station is Charing Cross.

## BASTIAN

Established by Céline and Heiner Bastian in 1989, the gallery is directed by Aeneas Bastian since 2016. 20th Century artists, such as Pablo Picasso, Jean Dubuffet, as well as German and American post-war artists including Joseph Beuys, Anselm Kiefer, Cy Twombly, Robert Rauschenberg and Andy Warhol, form the core of the exhibition program.

The gallery publishes numerous exhibition catalogues, artist monographs and catalogues raisonnés. BASTIAN participates at international art fairs, such as MASTERPIECE London, Frieze Masters, Taipei Dangdai, Art Cologne and Art Düsseldorf.

From 2007 until 2019 BASTIAN Berlin has shown exhibitions dedicated to modern and contemporary art. At the beginning of 2019, the Bastian family donated their building Am Kupfergraben to the State Museums of Berlin, who have established an art education center there, which was inaugurated on 1 September 2019. The Bastian family will open a new gallery space designed by John Pawson in Berlin Dahlem, Taylorstraße in October 2021.

Located in Mayfair, the London gallery opened on 1 February 2019. Since its opening the gallery has presented solo exhibitions of Andy Warhol, Cy Twombly, Ulrich Erben, Dan Flavin, Hans Hofmann, Pablo Picasso, Robert Rauschenberg and Sonia Delaunay.

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