

## Chapter 1 : Edward Steichen: Fine Art Photographer, Co-Founder of Gallery

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They had two daughters, Katherine and Mary. In 1915, Clara accused her husband of having an affair with artist Marion H. Beckett, who was staying with them in France. The Steichens left France just ahead of invading German troops. In 1916, Clara Steichen returned to France with her daughter Kate, staying in their house in the Marne in spite of the war. In 1917, Clara Steichen sued Marion Beckett for having an affair with her husband, but was unable to prove her claims. Steichen married Dana Desboro Glover in 1918. She died of leukemia in 1920. In 1921, aged 80, Steichen married year-old Joanna Taub and remained married to her until his death, two days before his 94th birthday. Carles, John Marin; back: Marsden Hartley, Laurence Fellows, c. White thought Steichen and Stieglitz should meet. In 1923, Steichen began experimenting with color photography. In 1925, Stieglitz and Steichen created the Little Galleries of the Photo-Secession, which eventually became known as after its address. In 1926, Steichen was "dared" by Lucien Vogel, the publisher of *Jardin des Modes* and *La Gazette du Bon Ton*, to promote fashion as a fine art by the use of photography. That is, photographing the garments in such a way as to convey a sense of their physical quality as well as their formal appearance, as opposed to simply illustrating the object. After World War I, during which he commanded the photographic division of the American Expeditionary Forces, he reverted to straight photography, gradually moving into fashion photography. *Camera Annual*, after being selected by Steichen, who was serving as photo judge for the publication. Among other accomplishments, Steichen created *The Family of Man*, a world-touring Museum of Modern Art exhibition, seen by 9 million visitors and consisting of over photos that depicted life, love and death in 68 countries. It is now permanently housed in the City of Clervaux Luxembourgish: Klierf in northern Luxembourg.

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*Edward Jean Steichen (March 27, 1896 - March 25, 1983) was a Luxembourgish American photographer, painter, and art gallery and museum curator. Steichen was the most frequently featured photographer in Alfred Stieglitz' groundbreaking magazine Camera Work during its run from 1917 to 1929.*

Two years later the family emigrated to America and settled in St Francis, a suburb of Milwaukee, where his father had found work in a copper mine. Steichen showed a natural talent for draughtsmanship at school, and left to serve an apprenticeship at the American Fine Arts Company, a lithography firm, where he was soon made a designer. He was an accomplished painter and, after buying his first camera in 1911, pursued both photography and painting in his spare time. There he sought out Stieglitz, the famous Pictorialist photographer and magazine editor, and showed him some of his photographs. Stieglitz was impressed, and bought three. In the same year, he also visited London where he participated in an exhibition of Pictorialist photographs with Frederick Holland Day and Alvin Langton Coburn. Steichen returned to New York in 1912 and began working as a commercial photographer, gaining particular fame for his portraits, which included J P Morgan and Auguste Rodin. In the same year his friendship with Stieglitz blossomed, and he became a founding member of a group of photographers called the Photo-Secession. The Photo-Secession and Stylistic Development Organised and championed by Stieglitz, the Photo-Secession consisted of American Pictorialist photographers and was intended as a joint effort to promote photography as a fine art. They held group exhibitions, and Stieglitz published their pictures in Camera Notes and then, from 1917, in his own publication, Camera Works. Images such as The Flatiron, and The Pond-Moonlight have since become seminal works within the Pictorialist movement. This gallery was to become the principal exhibition space for photography in New York, but also for work by artists of the European avante-garde. In 1918 Steichen returned to Paris, and set about sourcing their pictures for his gallery, which became an outlet for them in America. However, whilst Steichen appreciated the Modern style of such artists, he took longer to develop his own style, which remained firmly Pictorialist. During the First World War, Steichen was posted to Europe to run the aerial photography division of the American Expeditionary Force, and he remained there until 1919. The clarity of the aerial photographs convinced Steichen to change his style and embrace the clear, sharp images that cameras could make. He abandoned the soft-focus and heavy retouching of his earlier work. For the next fifteen years he took fashion photographs for Vogue and portraits for Vanity Fair, becoming hugely influential in both fields. His portraits of Gloria Swanson and Greta Garbo, for example, have become icons in the history of photography. He had already had significant success at promoting photography in America, particularly at Gallery, and this appointment was to be his apotheosis. Between 1917 and 1929, Steichen organised over forty exhibitions, and also bought photographic prints for the museum. Then, in 1929, he organised the most successful photographic exhibition of all time, entitled The Family of Man. It consisted of over five hundred prints by photographers from sixty-eight countries, and its purpose was to highlight similarities between nations, and to demonstrate that the human experience is universal. It was toured extensively and, by the time it closed, over nine million people had seen the exhibition. Quite apart from its curatorial ambitions, The Family of Man was also important in that it established photography as a suitable medium for museum exhibitions. He died on 25 March in West Redding, Connecticut.

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*Edward Steichen is one of the key figures in the history of photography. Beginning as a leading exponent of the 19th-century romantic movement called Pictorialism, Steichen metamorphosed rapidly into one of the leading lights of modernism.*

Morgan as Cutthroat Capitalist Born in Luxembourg, Steichen came with his family to the United States in 1890 and started in photography at age 16, when the medium itself was still young. In 1903, a critic reviewing some of his portraits wrote admiringly that Steichen "is not satisfied showing us how a person looks, but how he thinks a person should look. A new book, *Edward Steichen in High Fashion: Though expensively dressed women had attracted other photographers notably the very young Jacques-Henri Lartigue in Paris*, Steichen set an enduring standard. Those callings, not to mention the sumptuous city itself, would have led his eye toward women, both undressed and very well dressed. In 1905, he made a photograph of two ladies in dazzling white dresses getting into a carriage at the Longchamp racetrack—an early signal that he had an instinct for couture. By 1915, when Steichen was 43, he was undergoing what we now call a midlife crisis. He had, as Ewing puts it, "serious misgivings about his talents with the brush," and Squiers writes that he told fellow photographer Paul Strand that he was "sick and tired of being poor. Back in New York, he was invited to a lunch that provided a remedy. It was Nast who offered him the job of chief photographer for *Vanity Fair*, which meant, essentially, house portraitist. But regular fashion work for *Vogue* was also part of the deal, and Steichen gladly accepted it. His portraits for *Vanity Fair* brought him new fame, at least in part because of the status of such celebrity subjects as Gloria Swanson whom he draped with an evocative veil of black lace and a formidably handsome Gary Cooper. But on his *Vogue* assignments Steichen produced pictures as meticulously conceived as any painting by Gainsborough or Sargent—even though he needed to fill page after page, month after month. Steichen "was a one-man industry for the magazines, so he had to work quickly. But he had a great eye for where everything should be. Steichen poses her in front of a two-tone background covered with calligraphic curves that echo the dress, then adds a white hat, scarf and gloves, a bentwood chair and tulips—all of which make a composition reminiscent of a Matisse painting. But he also used movie conventions to make even studio photographs—which are by definition artificial—appear to be life at its most enviable. If two women and a man sat at a well-appointed dinner table, Steichen made sure that part of another table, set with equal lavishness, appeared behind them, turning the studio into a fine restaurant in which the black dresses and tuxedo found their proper context. He had become an avid and accomplished gardener in France. He never returned to photographing clothes, though he kept taking pictures almost until his death, on March 25, 1973, two days short of his 94th birthday. After the war, a new generation of fashion photographers, most notably Richard Avedon, adopted smaller cameras and faster film, and they began to leave their studios and urge models to move naturally rather than pose. The carefully staged black-and-white Steichen pictures that delighted prewar readers of *Vogue* mostly gave way to color and spontaneity. But as *Edward Steichen in High Fashion* proves, his pictures retain their power to please. Owen Edwards is a frequent contributor to *Smithsonian*. In his portraits of movie stars, Steichen appropriated from motion pictures the use of sharp focus and props—including clothing. Gloria Swanson behind a veil.

Chapter 4 : Edward Steichen Biography - Childhood, Life Achievements & Timeline

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Marilyn Monroe - Photographed by Edward Steichen. Here, he demonstrated such aptitude for drawing , that in he left school and began a 4-year apprenticeship in lithography with the American Fine Art Company of Milwaukee. In the evenings he sketched and taught himself how to paint. In he bought his first camera - a second-hand Kodak box camera. At the same time, he, along with his friends who were also interested in art and photography, rented a room in a Milwaukee office building and proclaimed themselves the Milwaukee Art Students League. They hired visiting lecturers, and held several ill-attended group shows. Meanwhile, while still interested in various types of art , his forte was clearly photography: The two men met the following year, in when Steichen stopped off in New York - en route for Paris to study painting at the Academie Julian - and they soon became close friends. For earlier camera artists, see: The couple divorced in , after which he married Dana Desboro Glover. In , as part of his ongoing series of portrait art , he took a series of photos of the celebrated French sculptor Auguste Rodin , one of which shows him copying the pose of his statue The Thinker: He was also noted for his photo of the banker J. Steichen started experimenting with colour photography in , and was one of the first American photographers to use the Autochrome Lumiere process when it appeared in . Meanwhile, he achieved considerable success in with his famous pictorialist photo The Pond-Moonlight. Taken in Mamaroneck, New York, close to the home of his friend, the art critic Charles Caffin, it features a wooded area and pond, with moonlight reflecting on the pond. Although the image gives the impression of being a colour photograph, the colour comes from layers of light-sensitive gums which he applied to the surface of the paper. The first true colour photographic process, known as the autochrome process, did not appear until . Other important works from this period include: The Flatiron Building , and Pastoral-Moonlight . Settles in Paris During the years , Steichen lived in Paris where he met photographers like Eugene Atget and made friends with a number of important modern artists, whom he invited to exhibit at gallery "" in New York. As a result, "" hosted the first US one-man shows of: These displays of European art were augmented by solo exhibitions for American modernists like Marsden Hartley , John Marin and Arthur Dove , and Cubist-Realists like Charles Demuth , Paul Strand and Charles Sheeler , the leader of Precisionism. In addition, Steichen assembled works by some of the most creative photographers in Europe, including himself, which were then exhibited by Stieglitz in at the International Exhibition of Pictorial Photography. In Stieglitz devoted a special issue of Camera Work to new photos by Steichen. Vogue, Vanity Fair In , Steichen boosted his international reputation as a lens-based artist, when he took photos of a number of gowns made by the couturier Paul Poiret, for the magazine Art et Decoration. The dresses were photographed in such a way as to convey a sense of their physical quality as well as their formal appearance, and the images was seen as the first modern fashion photos ever published. He also created a number of famous celebrity photographic portraits, such as his shots of the great Romanian sculptor Constantin Brancusi and his definitive portrait of actress Greta Garbo . During these years he was estimated to be the highest paid photographer in the world. For another modernist artist who made an important contribution to photographic art, during the s and s, read the biography of Laszlo Moholy-Nagy , the Hungarian experimental artist and Bauhaus designer, who founded the Institute of Design in Chicago. After the war he served as Director of Photography at MOMA, where his efforts further helped to raise photography to the status of an independent art form, in the eyes of other arts institutions as well as the general public. In , he curated and staged The Family of Man - the most popular exhibition in the history of photography. Consisting of photos depicting life, love and death in 68 different countries, it attracted more than 9 million visitors. It is now permanently housed at Clervaux, Luxembourg. In , a year before he retired, he held an exhibition of his own photographic art at the Museum, where he later helped to set up the Edward Steichen Photography Center. He also wrote an autobiography, entitled A Life in Photography, which was published in . He died in Connecticut, in , at the age of . Photographs by Edward Steichen can be seen in the best art museums in America and around the world. Other Famous 20th Century

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## Chapter 5 : Edward Steichen

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Art and Culture Cavalcade of the s and s, p. Photographs of an Age, , p. Photography Between the World Wars, p. One Hundred and Fifty Years of Photography, p. Age of the Metropolis, pl. Art and Culture , pl. At the end of the session, I took a piece of black lace veil and hung it in front of her face. She recognized the idea at once. Her eyes dilated, and her look was that of a leopardess lurking behind leafy shrubbery, watching her prey. Her mind works swiftly and intuitively. The lens sees only the surfaceâ€. The end result is another surface to be penetrated, this time by the sensitivity of the onlooker. For it is now up to him to decipher the elusive equation between the flat sheet of photographic paper and the depth of a human being. These extraordinary slivers of silvered paper were once the visual currency traded between colleagues, peers and friends. Edward Steichen and Philippe Halsman were two of these professionals whose paths, in the small world of editorial photography in New York, inevitably crossed immediately after World War II. Both Steichen and Halsman created indelible images, which remain fixed within the history of photography, as iconic representations of their sitters. Like many of the most notable photographers of the 20th century, both came from humble beginnings and rose to prominence in their fields quickly and with great respect. Halsman, a Latvian, escaped occupied France in November aided by an emergency visa deftly assisted by Albert Einstein. Shortly afterwards he was asked to address the Camera Club of New York, resulting in the publication of his photographs in the New York Times. Steichen and Halsman likely did not meet until after the Second World War, bookending it as the foremost celebrity portraitists of their eras: Steichen in the s and 30s, Halsman in the s to the s. According to the Halsman family, there is no evidence of correspondence between the two prior to the war. From , until he immigrated to the States, Halsman kept a studio there and was published in Vogue and VU among other publications. However, the two may not have met until about ten years later. Work by Six Photographers. The six photographers included Halsman, Gjon Mili, W. Eugene Smith, Yousuf Karsh and two amateurs. Steichen would go on to include Halsman in other exhibitions, including the massive, definitive survey of photographs, Photographs from the Museum Collection, 26 November - 18 January Everyone jumped for him: That same year he was also commissioned by Ziff Davis Publishing for their Photography Annual to photograph the dean of modern photography Edward Steichen, for his 80th birthday. Of course, Halsman asked Steichen to jump. The session was documented for the magazine Popular Photography in the September issue. By coincidence, Halsman made 80 exposures in total, one of which see illustrated figure was both reproduced in the magazine page 47 and requested by Steichen as one of four prints from the sitting. In addition, it appeared as a full-page advertisement in the New York Times. Philippe Halsman also photographed Swanson, but thirty years later in at the time she had completed her comeback as the middle aged Norma Desmond in the film Sunset Boulevard see illustrated figure. For big dramatic scenes in the film, make-up men added wrinkles and hollows to make her look sufficiently forlorn and middleaged. There have been only four period prints of this sitting offered at auction, one of an unpublished variant negative. In October , Edward Steichen: Lives in Photography and Edward Steichen: They will travel extensively throughout Europe, arriving in New York at the International Center for Photography in

**Chapter 6 : A Life in Photography by Edward Steichen**

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Edward Steichen Edward Steichen was an American photographer, painter, and museum curator who helped transform photography into an art form. At the turn of the century his photographs were hailed for their artistic quality. In the s he produced a new style of fashion illustration and portraiture for magazines. Edward Steichen was born in Luxembourg on March 27, The family settled in Hancock, Michigan, in , where the father worked in a copper mine. Eduardâ€”as he then spelled his nameâ€”went to Pio Nono College near Milwaukee in and showed such talent for drawing that on leaving school he became an apprentice at a Milwaukee lithographing company. In he bought a camera. Three years later his photographs, which a critic called "ultra expressionistic," were accepted at the Second Philadelphia Salon of Pictorial Photography. They became close friends. Steichen was confounder with Stieglitz of the Photo-Secession, an organization dedicated to photography as a fine art, and its exhibition gallery, called " Morgan and Auguste Rodin. During World War I Steichen was in command of all aerial photography of the American Expeditionary Force; he retired as lieutenant colonel in and settled in Voulangis, France. He gave up painting and abandoned the soft-focus and heavily retouched style that had won him fame as a photographer. He used the camera directly, emphasizing sharpness and texture. In he returned to America and a year later opened a commercial studio in New York , specializing in advertising photography. For Vanity Fair and Vogue magazines he produced fashion illustrations and portraits of outstanding personalities. He closed his studio in to devote his time to plant breeding. When America entered World War II , he was commissioned lieutenant commander and put in command of all Navy combat photography. Of the many exhibitions he created, the largest and most famous was " The Family of Man. The book of the same title became a best seller. His involvement as a curator helped promote photography to the status of an acknowledged art form. In Steichen held an exhibition of his own photography at the Museum of Modern Art ; a year later he retired to Connecticut. In later life Steichen continued to experiment with new photographic techniques. At his 90th birthday celebration, he said, "When I first became interested in photography, I thought it was the whole cheese. My idea was to have it recognized as one of the fine arts. The mission of photography is to explain man to man and each man to himself. And that is no mean function. Man is the most complicated thing on earth and also as naive as a tender plant. An old biography is Carl Sandburg , Steichen, the Photographer

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*History Of Photography: Edward Steichen Essay Sample* While most people would say that Richard Avedon is the "greatest photographer of the 20 th century (Perich, , p. 13)," Edward Steichen is one of those who laid the foundations for greatness, on which Avedon and others built upon.

Rodin, Le Penseur, Figure 2. Midnight Lake George, Figure 3. Midnight Lake George, Steichen began his artistic career at the age of 16, working as a design apprentice in a Milwaukee lithographic firm, where he created photographs that were used as models for illustrated advertisements, such as in the image below. To the right is his portrait of Rodin, a composite image that portrays the sculptor between two of his works. Steichen used two negatives to create this image—working in the darkroom to combine the silhouette of Rodin in front of his Monument to Victor Hugo with another, separate exposure of Le Penseur. Steichen returned to the U. By then he was an aspiring painter and an accomplished photographer known for atmospheric photographs in the Pictorialist style—an aesthetic that valued retouching and evident handicraft and that aimed to distinguish fine-art photographers from ordinary professionals and hobbyists. The two photographs titled Midnight Lake George are reverse images of each other. Gum bichromate emulsions have a short tonal range, meaning they cannot register vivid highlights and detailed shadow areas at the same time. Therefore, Steichen likely brightened the moon by brushing away some of the pigment during development, when the emulsion was still wet and malleable. Also of note is the almost-vibratory appearance of the tree trunk and leaves. Gum printing is an additive process: Whether made in error or by design, effects like this emphasize the handcrafted nature of these photographs, an aspect that would have been important to the Pictorialists. Arts and Crafts from Britain to Chicago. Steichen American, born Luxembourg, — Rodin, Le Penseur, Gum bichromate print; Alfred Stieglitz Collection, Midnight Lake George, Gum bichromate over platinum print;

Chapter 9 : A Life In Photography by Steichen, Edward

*At the start of World War I, in , Edward Steichen was a pioneering champion of fine-art photography—he had a leading reputation in the Photo-Secession movement in New York and had cofounded its trailblazing journal Camera Work.*

See Article History Alternative Title: In his youth he was perhaps the most talented and inventive photographer among those working to win public acceptance of photography as a fine art. Early life and work Born in Luxembourg , Steichen and his parents immigrated to the United States when he was two years old. Beginning at age 15, Steichen served a four-year apprenticeship in a lithographic firm. During the s he independently studied both painting and photography, applying himself equally, it would seem, to their commercial and fine-art possibilities, as he understood them. The obvious way to persuade the public that photography was a fine art was to produce photographs that emulated the mood, manner, or attitude of the paintings and prints that the public confidently held to be works of art. Young Steichen pursued this strategy, known as Pictorialism , with abandon. Utilizing his training as a painter, in his early photographs he frequently used the gum-bichromate process in conjunction with platinum or iron-based emulsions, which allowed him a very high degree of control over the image and tended to produce pictures with a superficial resemblance to mezzotints, wash drawings, and other traditional media. It was the beginning of a close and mutually rewarding relationship that would last until In Stieglitz invited Steichen to join him and other photographers, including Clarence H. In Stieglitz opened his first gallery, originally called the Little Galleries of the Photo-Secession but better known as , named after its address at Fifth Avenue. Such shows were often the first presentations in America of the work of these artists. Stieglitz himself was second with His was angry and shockingly frank. Previous in so far that it makes the inquiry resemble an obituary or an inquest, and because it further tends to establish a precedent in the form of a past. Change of direction When the United States entered the war in , Steichen volunteered for service and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Signal Corps; soon he was made head of aerial photography for the American Army in France. His experience with the rigorous technical demands of this work changed his view of the medium, and after the war he replaced the rather vaporous symbolism of his earlier Pictorialist style with optical clarity and greater objectivity of description. Steichen spent several years experimenting with realistic effects of light, tone, and shadow; during this period, he famously photographed a white cup and saucer against a black velvet background more than one thousand times, hoping to achieve a perfect rendering of subtle gradations of white, black, and gray. In a further reaction to what now seemed to him pious Photo-Secessionist attitudes, Steichen threw himself wholeheartedly into commercial photography, establishing a successful commercial studio when he moved to New York City in He closed his very successful studio on January 1, , and spent much of the next four years pursuing his long-time avocation of plant breeding at his home in Connecticut, concentrating on the delphinium in particular. Navy made Steichen a lieutenant commander in charge of directing a photographic record of the naval war in the Pacific. In he compiled a selection of these pictures in the book U. The coherence and emotional force of the exhibition was widely admired. The exhibition was based on the concept of human solidarity, and Steichen selected images from countless prints submitted from all over the world. It is said that the exhibition was seen by almost nine million people in 37 countries. Steichen went on to curate many smaller exhibitions at the museum, some of which were the first substantial shows of the work of important younger photographers, thus continuing his role as a tireless advocate of the medium throughout the remaining years of his career. His autobiography, A Life in Photography, was published in