



FACCE DA BAMBINI

Exhibition

A glance, an impression, a flicker, a gesture, fleeting moments or exasperated poses, a way of being or appearing, a desire to show-off or to withdraw. This, the desire to look childhood in the face, was the source of the concept for "Facce da Bambini", along with our desire – we who deal with fashion – to just once look at children from the neck down rather than from the neck up. We wanted to learn what the children tell us and what we try to seek, what they say and what we think we understand. One hundred fifty pictures by the most famous and outstanding fashion photographers: Lindbergh, Erwitte, Ferri, Elgort, Nadir, Roversi, Koto Bolofo, Tim Walker, reporters from Magnum/Contrasto or Grazia Neri who traveled the world and recounted something about children. They are artists who took portrait pictures of their own children, or children they met by chance, or by appointment – fashion, art, travel or news pictures. Different ways of looking at the world that ranges from infancy to adolescence, a world that speaks of our future as well.

Charity

The exhibition will be in Palazzo Strozzi from 27 to 29 June. The original prints will be sold during the opening night celebration and the proceeds will be donated to Child Priority Foundation. The association's purpose is to allow deserving, talented Italian children from needy families to continue their education. The funds will be managed by the Juvenile Court of Milan.

Workshops

After Palazzo Strozzi, starting with the academic year 2003-2004 the "Facce da Bambini" exhibition will reopen in Palazzo Vecchio where workshops on photography and clothing will be held for elementary school children. The workshops will be coordinated by Paola Pacetti, the director – and creator – of the Museo dei Ragazzi (Children's Museum). The same project will also be offered in Catania, Genoa and other cities in Italy.