

# B E N R U B I G A L L E R Y

## VALERIO SPADA

### C.V.

Born 1972, Milan, Italy. 1976

### EDUCATION

Università degli Studi di Lettere e Filosofia, Bologna, Italy

Lives in New York and Milan.

### SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2017** Camera, Centro Nazionale per la Fotografia, Turin, Italy curated by Francesco Zanot  
(S)

Museo Villa Pia, Erich Lindenberg Art Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland (S)

**2015** DAZ BANK Art Foyer Exhibition Private Exhibition at DZ-Bank Kunstsammlung,  
Frankfurt/Main, Germany (G)

Art Basel, The Grass Grows, Three Selected gallery from Italy, Valerio Spada,  
Gomorrah Girl (G)

**2013** Galeria Cero, Madrid, Spain (S)

A survey of documentary styles in early 21st century photobooks, Columbia Center  
for Arts & Paper, Chicago

Photoville, New York City, Curated by Darius Himes and Larissa Leclair (G)

Artissima & The Others Fair, Torino, Italy (G)

**2012** PPAC Phila Photo Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA USA (S)

FotoBook Festival Best Book of the Year, Le Bal Museum, Paris (France)

The Best Book Design Award 2012, Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam, (Holland)

Galleria Argentica, Ravenna, Italy (S)

**2011** Flatland Gallery, Utrecht, Holland (S)

Incredible-Unglaublich, Münchner StädtMuseum, Munich, (Germany) (G)

MAFIA/S – ImageSingulières, Sète (France) (G)

Fotografia Roma, MACRO, Museum of Contemporary Art, Rome, (Italy) (G)

Outskirts, Palazzo Poli, Calcografia, Roma, (Italy) (G)

Oh my Books 2011, Arles, France (G)

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2007 Prague Biennale 3, Prague, Czech Republic (G)

2005 Flash Art Fair, Milan, Italy (G)

## MONOGRAPHS

2017 I am nothing – Twin Palms Publishers

2014 Gomorrah Girl – Twin Palms Publishers

2011 Gomorrah Girl – Cross Editions, Second Edition

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## SELECT RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

2015 Cité des Arts, Paris France with the support of Ministère de la Culture, Ministère des Affaires Etrangères,

Ville de Paris, et de l'Académie des Beaux-Arts

2014 Gomorrah Girl featured in “A History of PhotoBook, Volume III, by Gerry Badger and Martin Parr”

Gomorrah Girl selected by Museum of Modern Art librarian David Seymour for Aperture’s “SPBH: A DIY Manual and Manifesto”

DAZ BANK Art Foyer Top 5 European Artists 2014 DZ-Bank Kunstsammlung, Frankfurt/Main, Germany

2013 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship, Creative Arts, Photography, USA

2012 Kassel PhotoBook Festival 2012, Le Bal Museum, Paris, France (Germany/France)

2 nominations as Best Book of the Year by Jim Goldberg and Kummer & Hermann Premio Ponchielli / Photo editor prize (Italy)

AIR Artist, LightWork, Syracuse University, NY (USA)

2011 Best Artist of 2011, Albert Renger-Patzsch Award 2012, (Germany)

PBN Photography Book Now 2011, Grand Prize Winner, New York, (USA)

Best Project of the Year, Winner FOTOGRAFIA, Museum of Contemporary Art, (Italy)

Top 10 Best Books of the Year by Rémy Coignet, Le Monde, (France)

Top 10 Best Books of the Year by Joerg Colberg, Conscientious, (USA)

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4 Nominations as Best Book of the Year Photo Eye Best Books of 2011, Santa Fe, (USA)

## SELECTED INTERVIEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

**2015** Seymour, Tom. A new gallery in Turin promises renaissance in Italian photography, The British Journal of Photography, UK 2015

Seymour David, Ceschel Bruno. SPBH: A DIY Manual and Manifesto. Aperture, NY, USA 2015

Christiansen, Anne. The most exciting new photography books. Self Publish, Be Happy by Ceschel featuring Gomorrah Girl by

Valerio Spada in the best photobooks self-published will launch at Foam Amsterdam and New York Book Art Fair. Dazed & Confused, London, UK 2015

Laranjeira, Marta. An interview with Valerio Spada. Lomography, London, UK, 2015

Attinger, Irène. April selection best books Maison Européenne de la Photographie, L'Oeil de la Photo, Paris, France

SVA, NY. New books: Focus on Photography featuring Vivian Maier, Valerio Spada, Larry Fink, Larry Sultan, La Toya Ruby Frazier.

**2014** La Fotografia ad Artissima, Vogue Italia, Italy, Nov 2014

Tripoli, Gaia. Gomorrah Girl by Valerio Spada. Page 2. The New York Times IE, USA

Muñoz, Alba. Gomorra Girl: así viven y mueren las adolescentes de la mafia, Playground, Brasil October 2014

Le ragazze di Gomorrah, Il Post, Italy October 2014

Avedon, Elizabeth. Gomorrah Girl Valerio Spada Twin Palms edition, USA August

An unfulfilled dream of escape, The New York Times International Ed., USA July 2014

TIME Magazine, Lightbox, Best Spring/Summer 2014 PhotoBooks,

The Huffington Post, USA March 2014

**2013** Gomorrah Girl at Galeria Cero. TV Interview for La Aventura del Saber, TVE2, Spain,

Feb **2013** Lorenzo, Áurea. Valerio Spada, Gomorrah Girl, TV Interview for TeleDiario on TVE1, Feb 2013

Segura Albert, Luisa. Hacerse mayor conviviendo con la Camorra, RTVE, Spain, Feb 2013

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- 2012** Leinen, Lisa. Berlusconi's Verdict, Interview with Valerio Spada, Frauen Magazine, Germany, Feb 2012
- Ladd, Jeffrey. On Gomorrah Girl with Syb, The Photobook Review, Issue One, Aperture Foundation, USA, Jan 2012
- Yue, Geng. On the streets in Naples, Valerio Spada interview, Lens Magazine, China Feb **2012**
- Evtushenko, Yan. Valerio Spada interview on Gomorrah Girl, Hooligan Magazine, Russia, May 2012
- Cheung, SGH. Valerio Spada – Peanut Butter Thoughts, United Kingdom, Jan 2012
- Rickard, Doug, Himes, Darius. Gomorrah Girl, ASX, American Suburb X, USA, Jan 2012
- 2011** Moakley, Paul. Gomorrah Girl: Best in Show, TIME Magazine, USA, Sept 2011
- IMSO, The land of the Camorra, Five Award-Winning Photobooks 2011, IMSO, USA, Dec **2011**
- Gomorrah Girl, 2nd edition, Photo Eye, Curated Selection, Santa Fe, USA, Dec 2011
- Himes, Darius. PBN 2011 Winner: Gomorrah Girl, video, PBN 2011, USA, Sept 2011
- Coignet, Rémy. Gomorrah Girl, Valerio Spada, Le Monde, France, March 2011
- Mutti, Roberto. Gomorrah Girl, Valerio Spada, La Repubblica, Italia, March 2011
- Gomorrah Girl by Valerio Spada, Esquire, Russia, March 2011
- COLLECTIONS**
- DZ BANK Art Foyer DZ-Bank Kunstsammlung, Frankfurt/Main, Germany
- John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, New York, USA
- Columbia Center for the Arts & Paper, Chicago, USA
- The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, USA
- LightWork, Syracuse University, NY, USA
- Massachusetts College of Art Photography Department, USA