

GAGOSIAN GALLERY

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GAGOSIAN GALLERY
980 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10021

GALLERY HOURS: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm

ANDY WARHOL: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Thursday, September 11 - Saturday, October 11, 1997

"Even though Andy's portrait sittings were relatively short in the classic sense, I think most people came away from the sittings interested in Andy, the artist. He made it exciting and special to pose for him. When Andy was working on a series of paintings entitled "Ladies and Gentlemen," a number of transvestites were invited up to the studio to be photographed. Bob Colacello found most of them at a club called The Gilded Grape. After the photo session, I would hand the subjects a check and send them over to the bank. Usually they would not have any identification, so the bank would call me and ask if I knew a Helen or a Harry Morales! I do not remember if they knew who Andy was, but the photo sessions were wonderful for every one of them. They were able to do their favorite poses and act glamorous for Andy's camera."

- Vincent Fremont

The Gagosian Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of the above mentioned paintings from the series "Ladies and Gentlemen," created in 1975. These paintings use Warhol's classic portrait format; beginning with Polaroid photographs taken of the sitter, they are then silkscreened onto a canvas and handpainted using synthetic polymer paint. Displaying a bright, feminine palette of reds, pinks, yellows, and other pastel colors, the finished works are uniquely lush and painterly, emphasizing these glamorous, larger than life subjects.