

PRESS RELEASE

Thank You Andy Warhol
Curated by Catherine Johnson

**Benrimon Contemporary &
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"We prefer our art to look like art and our artists to behave like artists. Andy courageously ignored those expectations." ~ Ryan McGinness



Glitterati Incorporated and Benrimon Contemporary are pleased to announce an exhibition in conjunction with the publication of *Thank You Andy Warhol*.

The project began one morning in January 2011, when author Catherine Johnson realized she and her creative community were in the middle of the national economic depression that was crippling the art world and wondered, 'What would Andy do?' His work and ethos had always inspired her, and she felt sure it had a similar impact on a variety of creatives who had known Andy and his work.

She began an inquiry. Just some of the luminaries interviewed and featured in this notable book include *Frances Grill, Ivan Karp, Jeffrey Deitch, Danny Fields, Ken Heyman, Bibbe Hansen, George Lois, Gretchen Berg, Vincent Fremont, Sylvia Miles, Peter Beard, Liza Minnelli, Patrick McDonald, Simon Doonan, Eric Shiner, and Jamie Warhola.*

Their collective descriptions are compelling and paint an incredible picture of Andy Warhol. Each person discusses the profound influence of Andy Warhol on their lives and their work. The interviewees also cite a piece of Warhol artwork that is personally significant to him or her; whether it be an artwork, book, film, creative collaboration, meeting, or conversation with Warhol, to illustrate their stories. Amazingly, only two people referenced the same piece of Warhol art.

What started as a single inquiry has resulted in a truly personal biography of the most influential artist of our time. To accompany the publication Catherine Johnson has curated a show extracting art from the book and also adding to it: gathering stories about the influence of Warhol could be a "lifelong and worldwide project." She plans to continue recording, observing and documenting the impact of Warhol on the lives and work of others.

This exhibition includes an eclectic mix of work from artists who contributed to the book featuring; Billy Name, Anthony Haden-Guest, Blake Boyd, Bob Colacello, Brigid Berlin, Christophe Von Hohenberg, Michael Halsband, David Gamble, Gretchen Berg, Jerry Schatzberg, Jonas Mekas, Marcia Resnick, Richard Prince, Roberta Bayley, Roxanne Lowit, Ryan McGinness, Vik Muniz, Taylor Mead & Trey Speegle.

The opening reception is on October 4th from 6 - 8 PM. The exhibition will be on view from October 4th - 20th.

Benrimon Contemporary is located at 514 West 24th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues. Gallery hours are Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 6pm. For further information or images, please contact Benrimon Contemporary at 212.924.2400 or info@bcontemporary.com.