

## MICHAEL COLAVITO CURRICULUM VITAE

Michael Colavito is a fine artist – founder of a unique new art form comprising 8X10 large format chrome film photography. Colavito has been creating original fine art for 40 years producing numerous fine art portraits of legendary world icons and celebrity subjects alongside diversified subject matter including body form, nudes, still life, painting with light and creative color compositions. Colavito’s optical purity through “21 Fundamental Principles of Pure Photography” distinguishes him from other fine artists and photographers. Colavito Art Form is presented in the documentary films, Colavito Modern Image Painting and Michael Colavito: Cubist Illusionism. Colavito incorporates his oil paintings, sketches, bronze sculptures, modern sculptures, linear designs, jewelry links and functional art in his photographic compositions. Colavito was instrumental in the first exchange of culture between the United States and China in simultaneous international exhibitions at The Museum of The City of New York and The Beijing Cultural Palace continuing onward to Japan and Europe. Fifteen Colavito original prints were placed in the archives of the Museum of the City of New York by Curator, Steven Miller. Colavito’s auction record of 40K sale for an original Colavito 8x10 chrome and two fine art prints for 4.5K each is confirmed through action data base records although Colavito’s participation in auction and gallery events has been deliberately minimal. Colavito has collaborated/communicated with many major art museums, art critics, galleries and editorials in the art and photography industries (listed in bio). Colavito Art has been featured on over 100 national, regional and local radio/television shows. Colavito commissions, fine art prints and original transparencies are for sale for collections and visual display.

### FINE ART PORTRAITURE

Robert De Niro  
Ellen Stewart

Jeff Koons  
Cyndi Lauper

Kenny Scharf  
Philip Glass  
Walter Yetnikoff  
Taylor Mead  
Joel Osteen  
Mark Kostabi  
Sirio Maccione  
Philip Carlo  
Alex Rosenberg  
Stuart Pivar  
Bob Cooley  
Marissa Acocella  
Bikram Choudhury  
Kathy Ireland  
Jack Shaoul  
Marco Maccione  
Roy Schwalbach  
Ray Lewis  
Barry Z  
Stephen Weingrad  
Carol Alt  
Karen Robinovitz  
Tod Volpe  
Carmello Anthony  
Joey Reynolds  
Jason Kidd  
Jay Williams  
Guillermo Vilas

Michael Bloomberg  
Peter Bogdanovich  
Chuck Close  
Jon Bonjovi  
Jamie Drake  
Montel Williams  
John Edward  
Silvano Marchetto  
Michael Musto  
Steven Miller  
Gloria Estefan  
Jane Bernard  
John "Cha Cha" Ciarcia  
Myra Chanin  
Aleta St. James  
Kristal Hart  
Janet Borgan  
David Segal  
Taylor J. Burt  
Berc Ketchian  
Jody Morlock  
Sharon Bush  
Christianna Capra  
Brian Ramnarine  
Harvey Rochman  
Heidi Krupp  
Joe Pacetti  
Victoria Osteen

## CORRESPONDENCES / COMMUNICATIONS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Art Contemporium (Paris, France) – Group Exhibition

Museum of the City of NY – Group Exhibition – fifteen Colavito works placed in archives

Metropolitan Museum of Art – art form acknowledged by Thomas P. Campbell, Director

Roland Auction House (NYC) – 40K sale of transparency, two print sales of 4.5K each

MoMA (NYC) – many communications, Colavito Art Form acknowledged by Agnes Gund

Dallas Museum of Art – sale of Colavito original print for 5K at special charity event

Brooklyn Museum (Barbara Millstein – Curator) – praised and endorsed Colavito Art

Sephora Gallery (NYC) – Solo Exhibition

Beijing Cultural Palace (Beijing, China) – International Group Exhibition

Ingrid Sischy (Vanity Fair) – acknowledged and encouraged Colavito Art Form

Lilac Gallery (NYC) – Solo Exhibition

John Elder Gallery (NYC) – Group Exhibition

Jeff Koons (Artist) – received fine art portrait prints – praised Colavito Art Form

Smithsonian American Art Museum – Modern Image Painting Documentary in archives

President Clinton – sent letter of praise about Colavito Art – received fine art print Robert

De Niro – Colavito created portrait art film – De Niro received portrait prints

Shanghai Duolun Museum of Modern Art – invited Colavito Art for an exhibition

Cathedral Museum of St. John The Divine (NYC) – Solo Exhibition

Philip Morris International – commissioned Colavito for international exhibition poster

Mayor Bloomberg – received fine art portrait prints – acknowledged Colavito Art Form

Alex Rosenberg (art dealer and appraiser) endorsed Colavito Chasing Originality Art Film

China Institute (NYC) – collaboration for exhibition: New York, The City And Its People

New Art Museum (NYC) – many communications – art work submitted

Leonard A. Lauder (Leonard Lauder Foundation) – received Colavito fine art print

Guggenheim Museum (NYC) – many communications – art work submitted

Mayor Giuliani – sent letter of praise about Colavito Art

Whitney Museum of American Art (NYC) – many communications – art work submitted

Musée Magazine – article about Colavito Art highlighting Lilac Gallery Exhibition

Museum of Contemporary Art Los Angeles – communications – art work submitted

Deluxe Movie Labs – exhibited 40 Colavito Art Works (four years) – commissioned art  
Graydon Carter (Vanity Fair) – communications – art work submitted  
Le Cirque (Sirio Maccione) – commissioned Colavito Fine Art and photography  
MoMA (San Francisco) – communications – art work submitted  
Montel Williams (TV show) – Colavito guest appearance with view camera and murals  
Karen Robinovitz – published entire chapter about Colavito Art in “Fashionista Files”  
Tate Modern (London) – communications – art work submitted  
NBA Basketball’s Best Shots – Colavito commissioned for title page fine art image  
Louvre Museum (Paris, France) – communications – art work submitted  
Osteria del Circo (Marco Maccione) – commissioned Colavito Art display  
Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago – communications – art work submitted  
ESPN Magazine – communications – Colavito work published (centerfold)  
Chuck Close (Artist) – received portrait prints – praised numerous Colavito pieces  
Philadelphia Museum of Art (PA) – communications – art work submitted  
Fuji Film USA – sponsored Colavito art events and large format 8x10 film stock  
Jerry Saltz (New York Magazine) – communications – art work submitted  
American Photo Magazine (David Schonauer) – acknowledged Colavito Art Form  
Carol Vogel (New York Times) – communications – art work submitted  
Sirio Maccione – appeared with Colavito for a live portrait on national television  
Rita Reif (New York Times) – communications – art work submitted  
Village Voice (Michael Musto) – wrote about Colavito Art, received portrait prints  
Spike Lee (Director) – communications – art work submitted  
Quest Magazine – art work published  
Eli Broad (The Broad Art Foundation) – communications – art work submitted  
Peter Bogdanovich – appeared as subject in Colavito Documentary by Bobby Sheehan  
Quentin Bajac (Chief Curator of Photography MoMA) – art work submitted  
Color By Pergament – sponsored Colavito Art Exhibition, prints, chromes and events  
Baldev Duggal – sponsored Colavito Art, appeared on radio broadcast with Colavito  
Mayor Koch – Colavito photographed with the Mayor at City Hall for exhibition event  
Taylor Mead Portrait Film (by Bobby Sheehan) – Colavito made guest appearance  
Larry Gagosian (Gagosian Galleries) – communications – art work submitted

Artnet (Bill Fine, President) – acknowledged and praised Colavito Art Form  
David Zwirner (Zwirner Gallery) – communications – art work submitted  
NBC, WABC, WOR (Joey Reynolds) – guest appearances (radio & tv) about Colavito Art  
Robert Downey Jr. – communications – art work submitted  
Tiffany & Co. – Fifth Avenue window display of Colavito Fine Art Linear Panels  
Federico Casteluccio – communications – art work submitted  
Vivid Diamonds (Joe Pacetti) – collaboration regarding Colavito Fine Art Jewelry Designs  
Robert Redford – communications – art work submitted  
Artnet (Walter Robinson) – acknowledged Colavito Art Form  
Creative Artists Agency – communications – art work submitted  
Kenny Scharf – appeared as subject in Colavito Documentary Film by Bobby Sheehan  
President Donald Trump – communications – art work submitted  
David Segal – commissioned Colavito Art  
Marilyn Minter – communications – art work submitted  
H. Stern Jewelers – commissioned Colavito large format photography  
Tiffany & Co. – commissioned Colavito photography for over 50 worldwide locations  
Jack Universe Antiques (Jack Shaoul) – commissioned Colavito Art  
Annina Nosei (Annina Nosei Gallery) – communications – art work submitted  
Barry Z (Barry Z Show) – Colavito appeared separately with Michael Musto and Duggal  
Wall St. Journal (Jennifer Pastore) – communications – art work submitted  
Bobby Sheehan (Director) – produced Documentary, Michael Colavito: Cubist Illusionism  
Annie Leibovitz – communications – art work submitted  
Tourneau Tme Machine (numerous locations) – commissioned Colavito photography  
Architectural Digest (Margaret Russel) – communications – art work submitted  
Mike Jackman (Deluxe Movie Labs NYC) – commissioned Colavito Art  
Photo District News – communications – art work submitted  
Wempe – commissioned Colavito large format photography  
Bono – communications – art work submitted  
Jamie Drake (Designer) – praised Colavito Art Form – received fine art portrait prints  
Jeffrey Deitch (Deitch Projects) – communications – art work submitted  
Stephen Weingrad – represented Colavito Art – received fine art portrait prints

Cindy Sherman – communications – art work submitted  
National Basketball Association (NBA) – Colavito commissioned for photography  
Martin Scorsese – communications – art work submitted  
Carmin Romanelli (NBA) – many NBA players photographed through Colavito Art Form  
James Cameron (Director) – communications – art work submitted  
Kathy Ireland (Model) – Colavito created cinematic film short  
Asprey & Garrard – commissioned Colavito large format photography  
Robert Redford – communications – art work submitted  
Krupp Communications (Heidi Krupp) – Colavito commissioned for group portraits  
Ang Lee (Director) – communications – art work submitted  
Sotheby's Auctions (NYC) – Colavito participation in two Annual Benefit Auction events  
Roberta Smith (New York Times) – communications – art work submitted  
Sony Music Studios – commissioned Colavito for large format photography  
Shanghai Museum of Contemporary Art (China) – communications – art work submitted  
Jack Studios (Roy Schwalbach) – commissioned 3 murals for Jack Studios interior

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2014 Under No Illusion – Lilac Gallery (NYC)

2009–2013 **Colavito Art Installation** – Deluxe Movie Labs (NYC) – 40 pieces on display: print murals, sculptures, linear design panels and functional art

2002 **Linear Sculptures** – Tiffany & Co. (NYC World Headquarters) – Fifth Avenue Window Display

2000/2001 **Poetry in Light III** – Aaron Faber Gallery (NYC)

2000 **Poetry in Light II** – Osteria del Circo (NYC) – solo guest artist, gala star

studded anniversary event

2000 **Poetry in Light I** – Sephora Cultural Gallery, Rockefeller Center (NYC)

1982 Cathedral Museum of St. John The Divine (NYC)

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2014 Roland Auction House (NYC) – sale of original transparency for 40K,  
sale of two – 24x30 fine art prints for 4.5K each – Colavito Fine Art was  
catalogued next to Warhol and Picasso

2003 **Two by Two for AIDS & Art** – Dallas Museum of Art (Dallas, TX) – benefit  
event by the American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR)

2002 **And Extreme Pattern** – John Elder Gallery (NYC)

Group Benefit Show for KidsCharities.org – Sotheby’s Annual Benefit  
Auction (NYC)

Group Benefit Show – Sotheby’s Annual Benefit Auction, **Free Arts for  
Abused Children (NYC)**

2001 **World TR Aid Benefit Auction** – supporting educational funds for children  
of 9/11 victims (NYC)

1985 **New York The City And Its People** – The Museum of the City of New York  
(NYC) and Beijing Cultural Palace (Beijing, China) – first cultural exchange  
in a simultaneous exhibition between China and the US showcasing 36  
American photographers

1984 Group Exhibition – **Art Contemporium** (Paris, France)

## HONORS and AWARDS

2006 **Chasing Originality** – Colavito Art Film – awarded Bronze Medal at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual International Houston WorldFEST Film Festival – short film category

2006 **Chasing Originality** – Colavito Art Film – awarded acceptance into The New York Short Film Festival

2004 **Smithsonian American Art Museum** – acceptance of **Modern Image Painting** Documentary into its permanent archives

2001 **Personal Thank You Letter** from President William Jefferson Clinton – sent from the White House commemorating Colavito Original Art

2000 **Special Guest of Honor** – Gala Anniversary Event at Osteria del Circo/Le Cirque (NYC)

1999 **Service Award for Art & Science** – Sarah Woode Foundation (dedicated to the advancement of arts and sciences in education)

1985 **The Museum of the City of New York** and Phillip Morris International – Special Commission Poster for **New York The City And Its People** International Photography Exhibition

## PUBLICATIONS



- 2005      **The Genius of Flexibility** (Fireside) by Bob Cooley – all photography by Colavito (large format)
- 2004      **The Fashionista Files** (Broadway Books) by Karen Robinovitz and Melissa de la Cruz – chapter of original artwork by Colavito – Karen Robinovitz portraits (pages 258–263)
- 2003      **ESPN The Magazine** (March Edition) – stroboscopic centerfold of NJ Nets Richard Jefferson (week premiering the All Star Game) – also filmed for broadcast on **ESPN Sportscenter**
- 2002      **NBA Basketball’s Best Shots – The Greatest NBA Photography of the Century** (DK Publishing) – large format photography fine art portrait of Jason Kidd on title page (write up – page 4)

## FILMS/DOCUMENTARIES

- 1990      Colavito Film Short of Kathy Ireland – created, filmed and edited by Colavito (running time 4:57)
- 1992      Time Exposed – Colavito Art Film (time lapse/motion cinematography) created, filmed and edited by Colavito (running time 14:52)
- 2004      Modern Image Painting: Colavito Documentary Film – presentation of Colavito film process – created, filmed, edited and original music score by Colavito (running time: 20:21)
- 2005      Chasing Originality – Colavito Art Film of protagonist in search of original art – created, filmed, edited and original music score by Colavito

(running time: 15:35)

- 2010 Bobby Sheehan Film: Taylor Mead Portrait – guest appearance by Colavito at beginning and end of film (running time: 43:56)
- 2009 **Robert De Niro Cinematic Portrait** – Colavito Art Film – film short of De Niro submerged in Colavito Art (running time: 3:08)
- 2012 Film Magic Purity Love Madness – Colavito Art Film – cinematic film sequences created through Colavito 21 Fundamental Principles of Pure Photography – filmed, edited and original music score by Colavito (running time: 3:02)
- 2014 Michael Colavito: Cubist Illusionism – Documentary Film by Bobby Sheehan about Colavito Original Art (running time: 27:44)

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

Colavito Fine Art/Photography has appeared in numerous publications including Elle Magazine, The NY Post, NY Daily News, Quest, Asbury Park Press, Popular Photography, etc. Colavito has been featured on over 100 national, regional and local radio/television shows.

## **COLLECTIONS**

Deluxe Movie Labs

Tiffany & Co.

President Clinton

Jeff Koons

Museum of the City of New York

Peter B. Kaplan

Sirio Maccioni

Montel Williams

St. Vincents Hospital

Robert De Niro

Fred Queller, Esq.

Mayor Bloomberg

Mayor Guiliani

Leonard A. Lauder

David Frank Capra

Michael Musto

Joey Reynolds

David Segal

Fred Sirota

Mr. & Mrs. Blair Wolfe

Dupree Miller & Associates

Steven Weingrad

Lisa Cincotta

Jamie Drake

Krupp Kommunications

Tod Volpe

Marsha Weiss

Sharon Bush

Cathleen J. Hurst

Chuck Close

Marco Maccioni

Jack Universe

Tiffany Lendrum Corporate Art

Myra Chanin

## **COLAVITO ART FORM**

The founding masters and inventors of photography advocated “straight photography” for over a century, also called pure photography. Colavito Art redefines this concept as it relates to the science of photography regarding film and light with no interferences whatsoever. The masters can not stake claim to this purity as they manipulated their negatives in the darkroom contradicting their own concept. Colavito uses chrome film exclusively which can not be adjusted after the image has been recorded on the film. Colavito lifetime body of original art illustrates the most comprehensive art style based on pure photography ever created by an individual artist.

### **Michael Colavito: Cubist Illusionism**

trailer: <https://vimeo.com/96946298>

full film: <https://vimeo.com/78211130>

## **21 FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF PURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

Colavito Fine Art is created on large format 8x10 chrome film without digital programs, computer graphics imagery or special effects film editing of any kind. The film can not be manipulated like an image from a negative in the darkroom:

all forms of Colavito Fine Art Film Work are created on the original film following ethical film guidelines with no blue or green screening, no in camera masks, no painting on the

film itself, no painting on bodies, no projection of images, no shooting through glass or mirrors, no color backdrops, no filters of any kind, no photographing of printed images or transparencies, no photographing of reflections, no polarizations, no colorations, no cross processing, no darkroom manipulation, no optical assemblage, no airbrushing, no retouching digitally or otherwise and no photoshop: nothing whatsoever outside the natural boundaries of traditional image capture on the film emulsion – absolute film purity through film and light

## **COLAVITO MUSIC COMPOSITIONS (16 TRACKS)**

Colavito music resulted from the necessity to score Colavito cinematic art with sound

Atypical (1:31)  
Unpredictability (1:44)  
Countryside (1:27)  
Secret Excursion (2:01)  
Time Capsulation (3:15)  
Classic Melody (2:09)  
Carefree (2:11)  
Love Chaos (1:33)  
Solar Sand (1:31)  
Happiness (1:45)  
Far Away (1:35)  
Love Frenzy (2:03)  
Sing Song (0:52)  
Jazz Tribute (1:45)  
Love Madness (3:00)  
Wandering (2:15)