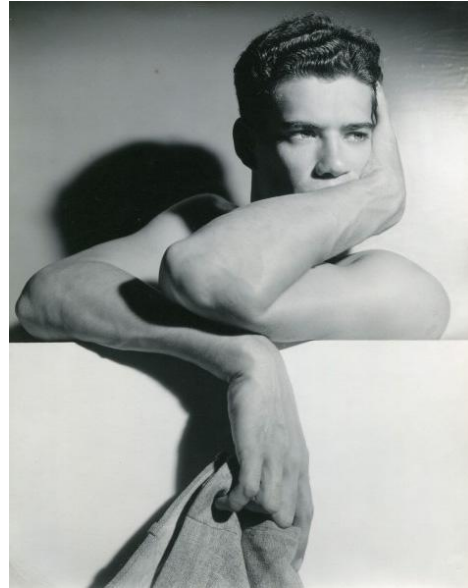
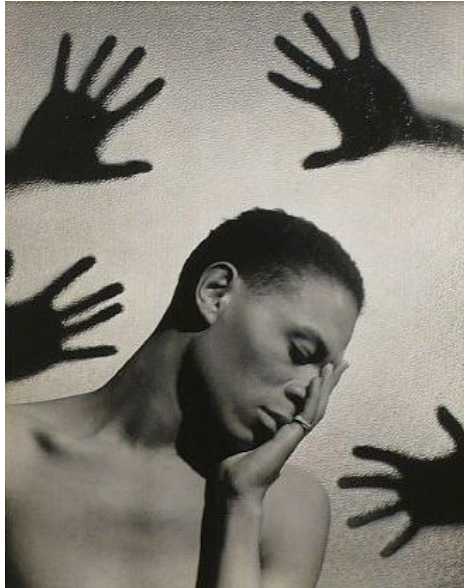


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NYC Gallery Presents The Male Nudes Of The Late, Great George Platt Lynes

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New York City's Steven Kasher Gallery has unveiled George Platt Lynes, an exhibition of more than 40 vintage images the groundbreaking photographer took between 1922 and 1953. Lynes celebrated homoeroticism decades before it was fashionable, paving the way for modern queer photographers such as Mapplethorpe, Weber and Ritts.

He was born in 1907 in East Orange, New Jersey, and got his start in book publishing. He traveled to Paris after high school and met writers Gertrude Stein, Jean Cocteau, Mairanne Moore, Colette and W.H. Auden, many of whom he photographed with a gift camera.

While he was a student at Yale, Lynes struck up a friendship with a talented young couple, the writer Glenway Wescott and art curator Monroe Wheeler. George traveled to Villefranche-sur-Mer in April of 1928 and lived in with the couple as lovers in France until he moved back to the States to focus on his photography. He wrote beautiful letters to Gertrude Stein and Monroe talking about his growth as a photographer and traveled back and forth between Europe and New York to be with his friends and lovers.

In 1933 Lynes opened his first New York studio where he did fashion photography for Vogue and Harper's Bazaar. Lincoln Kirstein and George Balanchine invited Lynes to photograph their ballet

dancers and by the '40s he was photographing an extraordinary number of stunningly posed male nudes, which was socially verboten at the time, as well Hollywood personalities. In 1955 Lynes was diagnosed with cancer and passed away later that year at the young age of 48.

Steven Kasher Gallery's exhibition of photography by George Platt Lynes will be on view in conjunction with the exhibition Spar: Photographs from Cuba by Paul Meleschnig through April 7. Steven Kasher Gallery is located at 521 West 23rd Street.

- **Jeffrey James Keyes**

Robert McVoy, ca. 1941

James Leslie Daniels, ca. 1937

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