

GLADSTONE GALLERY

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Robert Mapplethorpe, *Orchids* (1983) © Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation. Used by permission.

Robert Mapplethorpe

Until 24 April at Gladstone, 515 West 24th Street, Manhattan

The American artist and film-maker Arthur Jafa has collaborated with Gladstone to curate a career-spanning survey of works by Robert Mapplethorpe that challenges viewers to consider new narratives in the artist's celebrated but well-known practice. The show features an extensive selection of Mapplethorpe's iconic photographs and lesser-known Polaroids—ranging from flowers, portraits of subjects like Sam Wagstaff and male nudes—that are shown alongside each other in a non-chronological but thematic order. The unique sequencing of the images echo Jafa's own practice of amalgamating video clips and storylines in his work. The show marks the second major exhibition of Mapplethorpe's work since the dealer Barbara Gladstone, a personal friend of the artist during his lifetime, announced representation of his estate in 2017.