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## RAPHAEL MAZZUCCO

*"One of my favorite new artists..." Carine Roitfeld, Vogue Paris*

Photographer and visual artist Raphael Mazucco has left an energized and tantalizing imprint on the fine arts community with his newest collection, eponymously named *The Iceland Collection*. *The Iceland Collection* allows us rare glimpses of intimate moments during which Mazucco invites us to share in his love affair with his subject and surroundings. The mixed media pieces merge Mazucco's love of the photograph with the sensuality of painting. His finish-work lends the pieces the raw emotional energy of the Icelandic glaciers. The result has produced a series of images that are startling in their honesty; images that in the same moment can inspire a deep pathos and spark new heights of exhilaration.

A seasoned lensman, Mazucco has garnered the attention of such notable fashion clients as Victoria's Secret, Guess Jeans, Ralph Lauren and Bergdorf Goodman. Mazucco's photographs currently appear in the editorial pages of French and Italian *Vogue*, *Marie Claire*, *L'Officiel*, *Vanity Fair*, the *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit edition and many more. His arrival onto the art scene has been met with official acclaim following a two-year tour of exhibitions that traveled the globe, presenting his work in London, Milan, Florence, Melbourne, Singapore, Hong Kong, Beverly Hills and culminating in a sold-out show in New York. The celebrated visual artist and photographer, Peter Beard, referred to Mazucco's work as "life enhancing, forward and energized." Recently he was named by *American Photo* as "one of the top 50 photographers in the world to watch."

On other fronts, Mazucco continues to define the look of popular culture shooting portraiture for notable actors such as Adrien Brody, Benicio Del Toro, Matt Damon, Susan Sarandon and Antonio Banderas. The past few years have brought about the publication of a book of Mazucco's images titled *SEXY* (commissioned by Victoria's Secret to celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary) as well as his best-selling book *EXPOSURE* which commemorates 25 years of *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit cover girls and is an homage to the beauty of the American woman. Mazucco also partnered with music mogul Jimmy Iovine of Interscope Records and Sean "Diddy" Combs to shoot an anthology of celebrity portraiture. The collection of photographs—some wildly provocative, some tongue in cheek—were presented as a photo essay titled *Culo by Mazucco*, capturing a sensual moment in the lives of some of the most interesting, iconic and alluring women on the planet. The book debuted in 2011 as the number one best seller on Amazon.com.