

ELITISM

A L'HOMBRE DE LA JEUNE FILLE EN FLEUR: ANETA BARTOS



I'd say intense. That's maybe the best and first adjective I'd use to describe **Aneta Bartos'** photography. This amazing Polish born but NYC based photographer has been a marvelous discovery to my eyes. Her work has been published on countless magazines and world-famous publications. Her projects are drenched in energy and mystery. Hers seems a dark and romantic approach where fragility meets aggressiveness and later melts with desire. Portrayed bodies are firmly linked to souls, either in men and women. Aneta's approach is intimate, sexually charged and soaked in intimacy, voyeurism, exhibitionism. The viewer is projected into her pictures, into her startling body positions. We dare not to blush when staring at those amazing self-pleasuring men having physical gratification. (I'm here referring to the BOYS project). But there's vulnerability too. Her shots are a sublime exploration against the socially accepted norm of sexuality. She seems to struggle against the standardized idea of dominating men versus women. Her controversial images reveal that men can be as vulnerable as *le deuxième sexe*, when exposed. They can be fragile and weak creatures. Even though there's an inevitably determined idea of women in a physiological and psychological approach, historical materialism has showed that the escape from the sphere assigned to women is for Bartos similar to what Simone de Beauvoir would define in her work **The Second Sex**: *'they aspire to full membership in the human race'*.

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What follows is a short interview occurred with talented Aneta:

What makes you happy?

Good endings and great beginnings

If I weren't a photographer I'd be....

Who knows..

Three things you love or hate.

I hate ignorance, greed, cruelty and desperation.

Photography to me is...

Transcendence

Your first thought when you wake up?

It varies on my state of mind.

To me luxury is....

ability to disappear whenever I please.

Thank you.

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