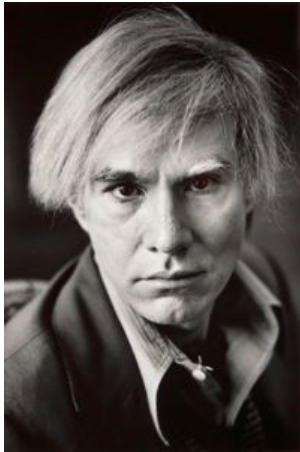




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*Michael Childers,
Andy Warhol Closeup,
1976, photographic
materials, 14 x 11 in.,
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**BEFORE THE PAPARAZZI:
MICHAEL CHILDERS
PORTRAITS OF STARDOM**

CLAREMONT, CA (July 6, 2016) –Andy Warhol, Clint Eastwood, Ray Bradbury, Mae West—the upcoming exhibit, *Actors, Artists, and Authors: The Portraits of Michael Childers*, at Scripps College showcases works by the photographer of the creative elite. Combining pieces from the Scripps College collection and works on loan from the artist himself, the exhibit displays portraits ranging across several decades. The exhibition opens at the Clark Humanities Museum at Scripps College on April 14, 2017. Michael Childers will give a talk entitled *Icons & Legends* at the same on April 27 at 4:15 pm. The lecture will be followed by light refreshments.

Among the portraits of luminaries across the arts whom Childers has photographed throughout his impressive career, visitors will see actors such as Paul Newman and Sir Laurence Olivier, writers including Amy Tan and Tennessee Williams, and artists Chuck Arnoldi and David Hockney, among others. Childers' experiences as a photographer in the film industry gave him unparalleled access to stars, while his work as a founding photographer with Andy Warhol's magazines *Interview* and *After Dark* furthered his ability to portray some of the most iconic creative persons of our time. The exhibition explores Childers' capacity to capture the humanity beyond the celebrity—to engage the individual creativity and spirit outside of the stardom.

The show and lecture are free and open to the public. The exhibition will run from April 14 to May 15, 2017. The Clark Humanities Museum is located in the Humanities Building at the center of Scripps College Campus. Directions can be found at www.scrippscollege.edu/map/. The museum's hours are Monday through Friday, from 9:00-12:30 pm and 1:30 – 5:00 pm.



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