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Palm Angels



Synopsis

Featuring large-format photographs of skaters in Venice Beach and Manhattan Beach, *Palm Angels* is the definitive book on the L.A. skateboarding scene, capturing the style and street culture of the world's most elite communities of skaters. Photographed by Francesco Ragazzi, the Italian art director of Moncler, *Palm Angels* features a special focus on the look and fashions of skate culture. While it emphasizes dramatic movement through stunning images taken in various Los Angeles neighborhoods, it is less focused on describing tricks as it is about conveying the sensation of men and women engaged in an epic, all-consuming activity. Through art photography, this book hopes to do for skating what Bruce Weber and others did for surf culture, elevating it from what once was an exclusive and localized American pastime to a far-reaching cultural phenomenon. In the spirit of the photography taken of the legendary Z-boys of Dogtown, Ragazzi provides readers with a firsthand glimpse into skateboarding in its modern form, still very much infused with effortless style. *Palm Angels* includes an introduction by Pharrell Williams (known to the skate community as Skateboard P), who has been instrumental in popularizing the skate look and has propelled it all the way to the high streets of fashion capitals like Paris, New York, and Tokyo.

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"Most Anticipated Art Book Releases of 2014: This book, which features large-format photographs of skaters in Venice Beach and Manhattan Beach, captures the LA skateboarding scene, style, and street culture through the eyes of the world's most elite communities of skaters. Photographed by

Francesco Ragazzi, the Italian art director of Moncler, Palm Angels takes the reader inside skate culture. Because of Ragazzi's artistic eye, the book is less focused on analyzing tricks and more about conveying the sensation of the men and women that engage in the dangerous, yet endlessly entertaining activity. Palm Angels includes an introduction by Pharrell Williams, who has become an icon in skate style." -Complex Magazine

“SKATING ALONG: A new photo book by Moncler art director Francesco Ragazzi shines the spotlight on the Los Angeles skateboarding scene, its culture and fashion. In Palm Angels, Ragazzi's images capture ace skaters in Venice Beach and Manhattan Beach.

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Acquire.com

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Mykita

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Stealmag.com

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Highsnobiety

Francesco Ragazzi is best known for his art direction for Italian fashion label Moncler. He has released Palm Angels which is composed of large-format photographs of skaters in Venice Beach and Manhattan Beach. A book that captures the essence of L.A.'s skateboarding scene, and the intersection between the sport and its raw sensibility within fashion [it] is a great reference point for those looking for a glimpse at the iconic culture that first exploded in California during the late '60s and early '70s. Shot in the spirit of the legendary Z-boys of Dogtown, Ragazzi offers readers a glimpse of the longstanding sport in modern-day.

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featuring beautiful large-format

photographs of skateboarders. Palm Angels celebrates the life and style of skateboard culture. Less about tricks, it is the dramatic movements of these skaters that is the focal point of these stunning images. Ragazzi's images provide a firsthand glimpse into skateboarding in its modern form, still very much infused with effortless style. This gorgeous tome is sure to appeal both skateboarders and photographers alike. Style of Sport is genuine, effortless, and passionate photographs. A fascination with the City of Angels, its golden light, its sunset, its sky framed by a never-ending stand of palm trees, the entrenched culture of skateboarding – these were the starting points for Ragazzi. With his camera he discarded all his preconceived notions and chose to see Los Angeles through the eyes of an outsider. • Style.com

Francesco Ragazzi is the Italian art director of Moncler. Pharrell Williams is a designer, recording artist, and producer based in Miami.

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Its a fine book, just not what I was expecting. Completely skateboard-based. I thought it would have more 70s in Venice Beach/surf culture vibe.

Skateboard has been my passion since I was a kid. Fashion is my job. Francesco was able to combine these two worlds with a different and interesting point of view. Skate not only as lifestyle but also as art form. His pictures will remain timeless. Bravo Francesco !

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