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# Why Is *Kids* Director Larry Clark Selling His Photographs for Bargain-Basement Prices?

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"Virgins. I love 'em," announces Telly in the opening sequence of *Kids*, the seminal 1995 film written and directed by **Larry Clark**. Those lacerating words and that indelible film informed a generation and launched the careers of both **Chloe Sevigny** and **Rosario Dawson**. This week, Clark, who also directed the equally seismic *Bully*, has brought his complete photographic archive to the **Simon Lee Gallery** in central London. A line snaked around the block, as it was revealed that Clark would be selling the pieces—which normally earn up to \$10,000—for £100 (about \$170) each.



COURTESY OF SIMON LEE GALLERY. Limited Time Only: Larry Clark's prints are only \$170!

"I wanted to do it so that the people I photographed, people of that age, could afford an image. A souvenir of the times we spent together," Clark tells VF Daily. "When I have a show, some of the work is very expensive, thousands of dollars, and my main audience is very young and could never afford that, so I wanted to give them something that they could have a souvenir of. It's fun for me. As corny as it sounds, I wanted to do something nice." Emblems of his work, the one-of-a-kind prints feature behind-the-scenes glances at Clark's beloved films—predominantly those he directed from 1992 to 2010—including *Kids* (1995), *Bully* (2001), *Ken Park* (2002), and *Wassup Rockers* (2005).

"These are vintage prints," continues Clark. The collection also contains a series of actor portraits and self-portraits, and a number of candid snapshots. While his other work is carefully hung in the likes of the Museum of Modern Art, New York and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in this case, the images were neatly stacked in a wooden crate in the center of the gallery. No preference was given to any single piece, to which Clark responded succinctly, "I like them all." As for his outlook towards the future of his *sui generis* prints? (And by that we mean, how he is going to feel when a few images migrate towards eBay?) "I'm sure that's gonna happen, so I'll just laugh."

The sale is taking place until July 6, and there's still a line around the block.

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