

RRFA 01: Robert Rauschenberg papers

Interviews: Yusuf, Nilgin / Questions on Issey Miyake, April 10, 1992

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FAX TO ...

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PLEASE EXCUSE THE DELAY IN RESPONDING TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSEY MIYAKE; MR. RAUSCHENBERG HAS JUST RETURNED FROM TRAVEL AND PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS:

1. HOW LONG HAS HE KNOWN^N ISSEY, AND HOW DID THEY MEET?

RR: I HAVE KNOWN ISSEY CLOSE TO TWENTY YEARS. WE MET AT SOME ART EVENT IN JAPAN. I AM A LITTLE VAGUE ABOUT THE DETAILS.

2. WHAT IS ISSEY'S PERSONALITY LIKE AND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS WORK?

RR: HE IS A ONE MAN ARTISTS' SUPPORT TEAM. HE IS JAPAN'S LEADING INTERNATIONAL ARTIST AND ASSUMES ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE ROLE DEMANDS.

3. WHAT DOES ROBERT LIKE ABOUT ISSEY'S WORK, AND WHY DOES HE THINK HE HAS BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL.

RR THE INSPIRATION AND QUALITY OF HIS ART IS FED BY AN INSATIABLE CURIOSITY AND A RELIGIOUS RESPECT FOR THE YET UNSEEN.

4. FAVORITE ITEM OF CLOTHING DESIGNED BY ISSEY.

RR: I HAVE A KNOCK-OUT TUX. IT HAS BUILT IN THE ADDITIONAL COURAGE I NEED FOR MOST FORMAL OCCASIONS. THANKS, ISSEY.

CORDIALLY,



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FAX

TO: Robert Rauschenberg
FROM: Emma Clark
Features Department
Marie Claire
DATE: 9 April 1992
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Dear Robert Rauschenberg

Cass Burnham faxed a letter to you at the end of last week (following this page) asking if you would kindly offer some quotes on fashion designer Issey Miyake. We will be running an interview with Issey Miyake in our June issue and would love to have your comments (very brief comments are ideal). I do appreciate that you are very busy but unfortunately, we are very close to our copy deadline so I would appreciate it if you faxed your reply to me as soon as possible.

Thank you so much.

Emma


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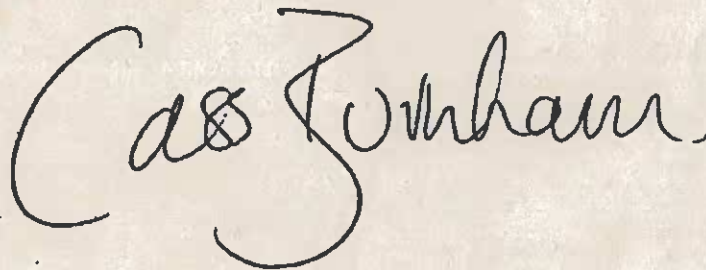
To Robert Rauschenberg
From Cass Burnham (on behalf of Nilgin Yusuf, feature writer)
Date 1 April 1992
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We are running an article in one of our summer issues on Fashion Designer Issey Miyake. Our writer, Nilgin Yusuf wanted to talk to Robert Rauschenberg, who we believe is a personal friend of Issey Miyake. Since it is not possible to contact Robert Rauschenberg himself, I would appreciate it if you could pass this fax to him. We would like Robert to briefly answer the following questions.

1. How long has he known Issey Miyake, and how did he meet him?
2. What is Issey Miyake's personality like and his attitude towards his work?
3. What does Robert like about Issey Miyake's work, and why does he think he has been so successful.
4. Does he possess a favourite item of clothing designed by Issey Miyake, if so can he describe it and tell us why it is his favourite?

We would be very happy to receive any additional information from Robert. We would like his response by Fax before the end of this week. Our Fax number is 071-261 5277. Please contact me if there are any problems on 071-261 7728.

Best wishes



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