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Age Mapplethorpe was when he left home to move to NYC. He enrolled in Pratt University one year later.

• 1970 •

Year he bought his first Polaroid camera, from artist and filmmaker Sandy Delay, kicking off his photography work

twenty-six

Age he was when he met his lover, friend, benefactor and arguably the "maker" of his career, Sam Wagstaff

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Number of books Patti Smith—a friend, sometimes lover and roommate—has dedicated to him. Her acclaimed memoir, *Just Kids*, and a book of poems, *The Coral Sea*, both explore the artists' love for each other; the nature of which altered as Mapplethorpe came to terms with his homosexuality.

1988

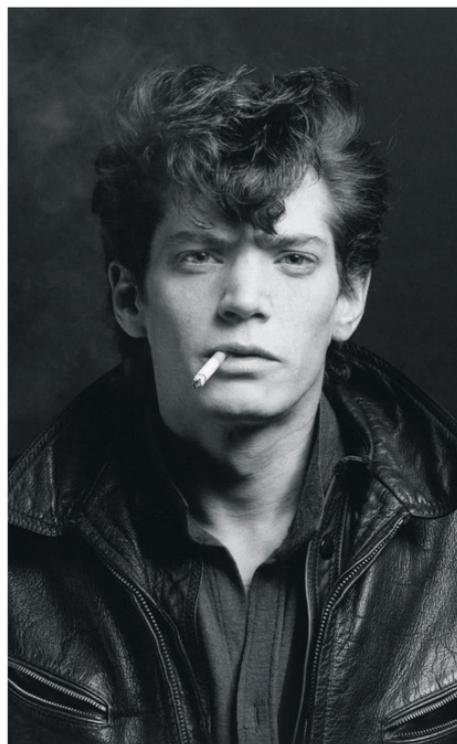
Year he founded the Mapplethorpe Foundation to preserve and advance his creative vision and promote the cause he cared about, one year before dying of AIDS

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ROBERT MAPPLETHORPE

The subject of a yearlong exhibition opening next month at the Guggenheim, *Implicit Tensions: Mapplethorpe Now*, the photographer and sculptor became one of the most influential artists of the late 20th century.

Here, we honor his legacy—by the numbers. —Maggie Meskhi



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Approximate number of photographs and objects the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation gifted the Guggenheim museum, thereby creating one of the world's most comprehensive public repositories of his work

\$643,000

Price of the most expensive Mapplethorpe photograph ever sold, a print of Andy Warhol on linen with four silk panels at a Christie's auction in 2006

120,000

Approximate number of photo negatives that make up his artistic legacy

two thousand
& fourteen

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Number of Mapplethorpe's photographs that were used as evidence in a 1990 trial aiming to sort art from obscenity. His photographs won.

Year Musée Rodin in Paris hosted the largest ever Mapplethorpe retrospective with an exhibition that juxtaposed his work with that of sculptor Auguste Rodin

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