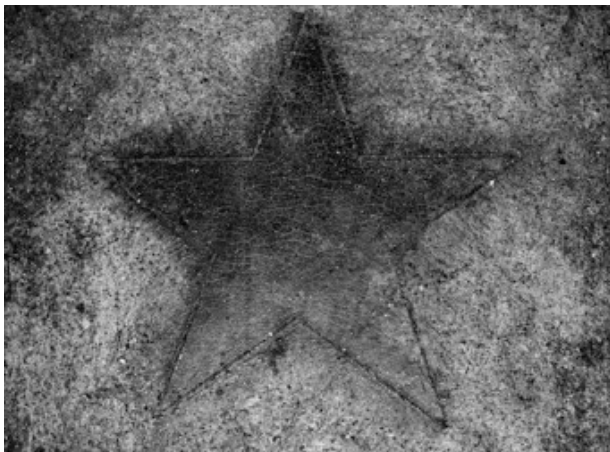


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# Photography: Hedi Slimane exhibition opens at Almine Rech Gallery in Brussels and Paris

After documenting London's burgeoning indie scene and redefining the male silhouette of the 00s at the helm of Dior Homme, Hedi Slimane seems to have stepped in the new decade with a fascination for American culture. With two simultaneous shows at the Almine Rech galleries of Paris and Brussels, the former designer, who's always nurtured a passion for photography, pays tribute to the city and subculture of Los Angeles, where he is currently based. Paris sees California Dreaming, Myths and Legends of Los Angeles – a group show curated by Slimane – featuring works by John Baldessari, Dennis Hopper, Mike Kelley, Raymond Pettibon, Ed Ruscha or Sterling Ruby, to name but a few. Centred on Slimane's photographs, the Brussels show displays a collection of large black and white prints selected from an archive he has built over the years. Mixing portraits of famous friends (Courtney Love, John Lydon) with those of beautiful strangers and fragments of American patriotism, the selection offers an insight into the city's rock 'n' roll scene and youth culture, themes that have been close to the artist's heart. Also on show are a sound installation by filmmaker Gus Van Sant and sculptures by Oscar Tuazon, adding to the show's overall raw edge.







Hedi Slimane – Fragments Americana Until 26th March  
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