

## Visual Arts

### Larry Sultan: Editorial Works

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‘Paris’ (2007) by Larry Sultan © Larry Sultan

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Throughout his career, the late photographer Larry Sultan produced images that have been described as “staged documentary” — at once realist and theatrical — in their explorations of family and domesticity.

One collection focuses on his parents in their Palm Springs retirement community; another on adult-film production in rented homes. In “Paris”, above, he brings the two together: on his parents’ bed in his childhood home, the heiress and socialite Paris Hilton plays with her phone.

The photo is taken from one of Sultan's commercial assignments and is on display as part of *Larry Sultan: Editorial Works* at San Francisco's Casemore Kirkeby, along with photographs documenting San Francisco's "high society" and images from ad campaigns for Bottega Veneta.

Often the ideas he explored in his editorial work — the construction of pop culture among them — made their way back into his personal work.



'Belarus #1', (2006) © Larry Sultan



'Vivid Entertainment #2', (2003) © Larry Sultan



'Vivid Entertainment #5', (2003) © Larry Sultan



'Silver Curtain', (1997) © Larry Sultan

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