**Steven Meisel**

(1954, United States)

He studied at the *High School of Art and Design* and at the *Parsons School of Design*, where he taught years later, prefering a fashion illustrator career. He never thought he could become a photographer but, working as illustrator for a female collection, he took back some photographic test strips with models. Some of them took their pictures to Seventeen magazine to show their model books and the people at Seventeen subsequently called Meisel and asked if he wanted to work with them. He has obtained fame and success with his photocall and covers for Vogue Italia, America, England, France and Vanity Fair magazines. He became the only cover photographer for the last 15 years. In 1992 he took a photo of Madonna for *Sex* Book. He has edited some advertising campaigns for Gianni Versace, Valentino, Dolce & Gabbana, Calvin Klein, Prada, Lanvin, Mulberry and Anna Sui.