**Helmut Newton**

(1920, Germany–2004, USA)

He was born in Berlin and grew up in the middle class of the Twenties and Thirties. He attended the Werner Von Trotschke Gymnasium and the American School.

He was interested in photography from the age of 12 and he worked with the German photographer Elsie Simon, known as Yva, form 1936.

Because of the race laws he left Germany in 1938 and he took refuge in Singapore where he worked as photographer for the Straits Times.

In 1948 he married the Australian actress June Browne, known as Alice Springs.

After the war he became a freelance fashion photographer. He moved to Paris in 1961. His images were published in a lot of magazines: *Men’s Vogue*, *Harper’s Bazaar*, *Elle*, *GQ*, *Vanity Fair* and *Marie Claire*.

His *Big Nudes* series (1980) marked the peak of his erotic-urban style, underpinned with an excellent photographic techniqual skill.

He also created a lot of portraits and he collaborated with Chanel, Gianni Versace, Blumarine, Yves Saint Laurent and Dolce & Gabbana.

He passed away in Hollywood in 2004 because of an heart attack in his new car.