



NAN GOLDIN

MOLLY AND SASKIA

Life and Career - Early Life

- Born: September 12, 1953 (Washington D.C)
- Attended Satya Community School & MFA Tufts
- First camera at 15
- Moved to NYC in the 70s



Creative Influences



Life and Career - Early Works



Focus shifted: Raw youth and abandonment---> domestic relationships/parenthood

The Ballad of Sexual Dependency (1980–1986)

Her life immersed in a Post Stonewall subculture of NYC

1985 Whitney Biennial

“For me it is not a detachment to take a picture. It's a way of touching somebody—it's a caress,” she said of the medium. “I think that you can actually give people access to their own soul.





"Misty and Jimmy Paulette in a Taxi", NYC, 1991 Photography Nan Goldin, via Wikipedia

Photographing
underrepresented
**drag queens, clubbers,
drug-takers, LGBTQIA
community**

Heightening mainstream
attention towards subcultures

**Goldin has been
documenting America's gay
and transsexual communities
since before her first solo
show in Boston in 1973.**

Nan One Month After Being Battered



- Goldin's most famous self-portrait
 - it draws attention to domestic violence against woman and shows the artist herself as a survivor of this violence
 - Goldin has said, "I wanted it to be about every man and every relationship and the potential of violence in every relationship."
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EDEN AND AFTER



In 2014, Goldin released a book titled *Eden and After*, in which the photographs centred on children.

Artistry - Recent Work

- Goldin organized Prescription Addiction Intervention Now, or P.A.I.N.

The pill bottles had been labeled by the protesters to say “prescribed to you by the Sackler Family”.

“Sacklers lie, people die,” Goldin chanted.

She said: “We want the Sacklers to put their money into rehab not museums.”



Participants tossing
prescription pill bottles into
the pool in front of the
Temple of Dendur.





Themes



Themes of her work

- Gender Politics
 - Philanthropy
 - *Dependency.*
 - PAIN
 - YOUTH
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VIDEOS

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