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• Eloquent portraits and self-portraits by a contemporary African studio photographer that expand on the tradition of Malick Sedibé and Seydou Keita

Since 2012, Dakar-born Omar Victor Diop has been hailed by the art world for his stunning, colour-saturated studio photography. His conceptual projects are primarily staged as beautifully costumed portraits and self-portraits, and focus on important historical figures and events from Black history and the African diaspora. In the three projects presented in this book, Diaspora (2014), Liberty (2017) and Allegory (2021), he revisits Black African history in poignant photographs that weave together the past and the present.

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