

Basic Detail Report

Consuelo Crespi swims in Lido di Venezia

Date

1960-1960

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Consuelo Crespi was an American-born Italian countess who served the world of high fashion as a style-setting model and editor of Vogue (magazine) and Vogue Italia. During the same period, her twin sister Gloria Schiff was a major influence on fashion as editor for the American edition of Vogue magazine. Through her choices in attire and in publishing, Crespi played a major role in influencing the fashion world and giving a boost to the careers of designers such as Fendi and Missoni. Valentino credited Crespi with giving him a break into the fashion industry and it was a Valentino dress worn by her twin sister that convinced Jacqueline Kennedy to try the designer. In addition to her role as editor of Italian Vogue, Crespi's appearances at social events such as the Black and White Ball thrown by Truman Capote in 1966 were widely reported. The Lido – or Venice Lido (Lido di Venezia) – is an 11-kilometre (7-mile) long sandbar in Venice, northern Italy; it is home to about 20,000 residents. The Venice Film Festival takes place at the Lido every September.

Dimensions

Overall: 18.6 x 24.4 cm (7 3/8 x 9 5/8 in.)