

# Wolfgang Tillmans

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The true authenticity of photographs for me is that they usually manipulate and lie about what is in front of the camera, but never lie about the intentions behind the camera.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

What I'm interested in is happiness with a full awareness of the tragedy of life, the potential tragedy that lurks around every corner and the tragedy that actually is life.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

For me, a good portrait shows the fragility and humility of the person, and at the same time a strength, a resting in themselves.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

I am interested not in individual readings, but in constructing networks of images and meanings capable of reflecting the complexity of the subject.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

I think it's much more radical to see and show things as they look instead of making them somehow subversive through alienation.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

I see my practice as picture making. Whatever is available, I use.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

I think there is something very consoling in feeling lost in space but also feeling grounded, and seeing that all of this is part of a bigger clockwork

~Wolfgang Tillmans

To look without fear is a good subversive tool, undermining taboos.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

I love people, and photographing people is something I hope I never get tired of.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

I always think that we know so much more than one would have ever known before. But I don't know if that's really true.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

This coincided with the fall of the Berlin Wall and Europe coming closer together, and nightlife and techno and ecstasy culture seemed like a very powerful panEuropean movement.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

I find fashion magazines so incredibly boring . . . There still is no new photography and no new concerns.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

Boy George of course, was my idol as a teenager. I haven't photographed him, even though I know him now. He wants the pictures to be retouched, and I don't want that.

~Wolfgang Tillmans

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