JOZEF (JOOP) VISSEL



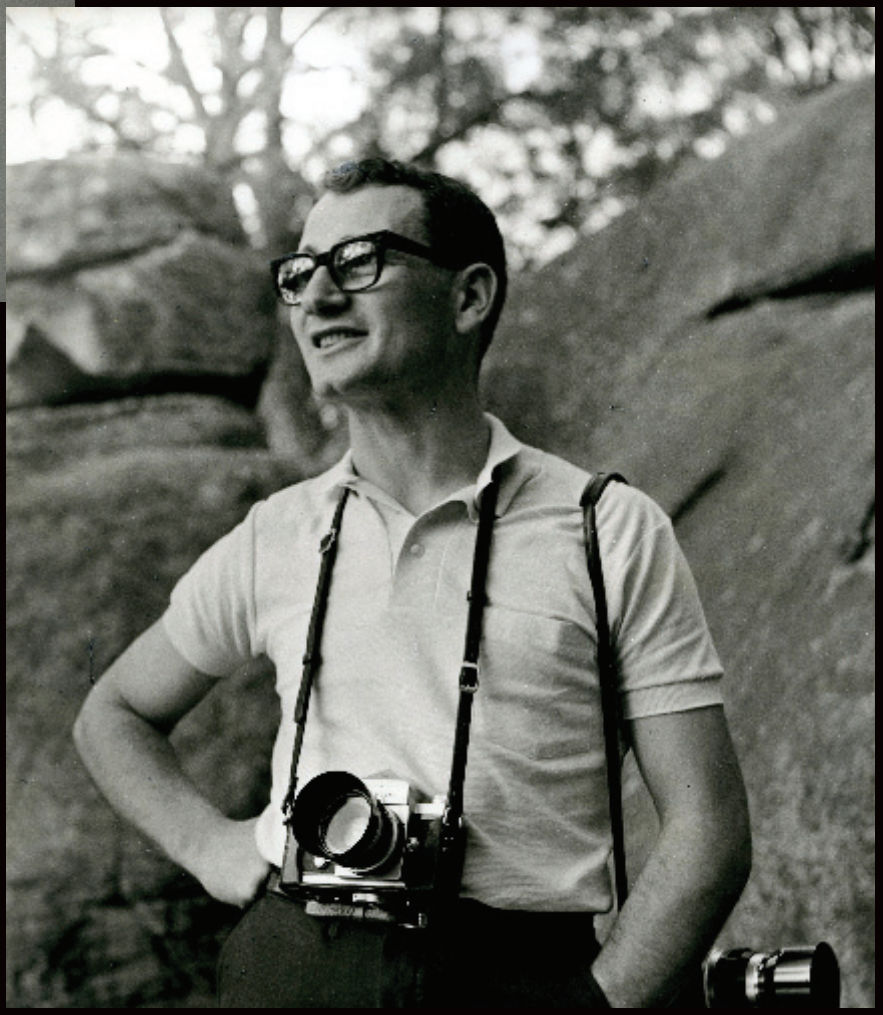
Jozef Vissel

photographer | 1935 - 2022

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... a photographic tribute



I first met Jozef in 2007.

He approached me to scan a lifetime of past negatives and prints.

Over the following 14 years he came back again and again to do more scans. We became good friends and as he lived just round the corner he would pop in from time to time just to chat. He was a loving kind and gentle soul.

He will always think of Joe with love and affection... he was a delightful man.

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Jozef Vissel (b. 1935), photographer, is best known for his 1965 portrait of architect Jørn Utzon, in the National Portrait Gallery collection. Born in Holland, Jozef (Joop) Vissel is a Holocaust survivor whose parents died in Auschwitz.

He began his career in Amsterdam as an apprentice to a leading commercial photographer before working in England. In 1960, he moved to Sydney, where he became a stills photographer in the film industry. Jozef then established his own studio, freelancing for advertising clients and the Australian Tourist Commission.



He later worked as a photographer at Macquarie University. His photographs have appeared in publications in Australia, Europe, the USA and Japan and he has published two books, The Tongans (1978) and The Down Under T-shirt Thing (1979). The State Library of New South Wales holds a large collection of his work.

Jozef is married to a well known Lane Cove Councillor Frances Vissel.

Jozef sadly died last year.

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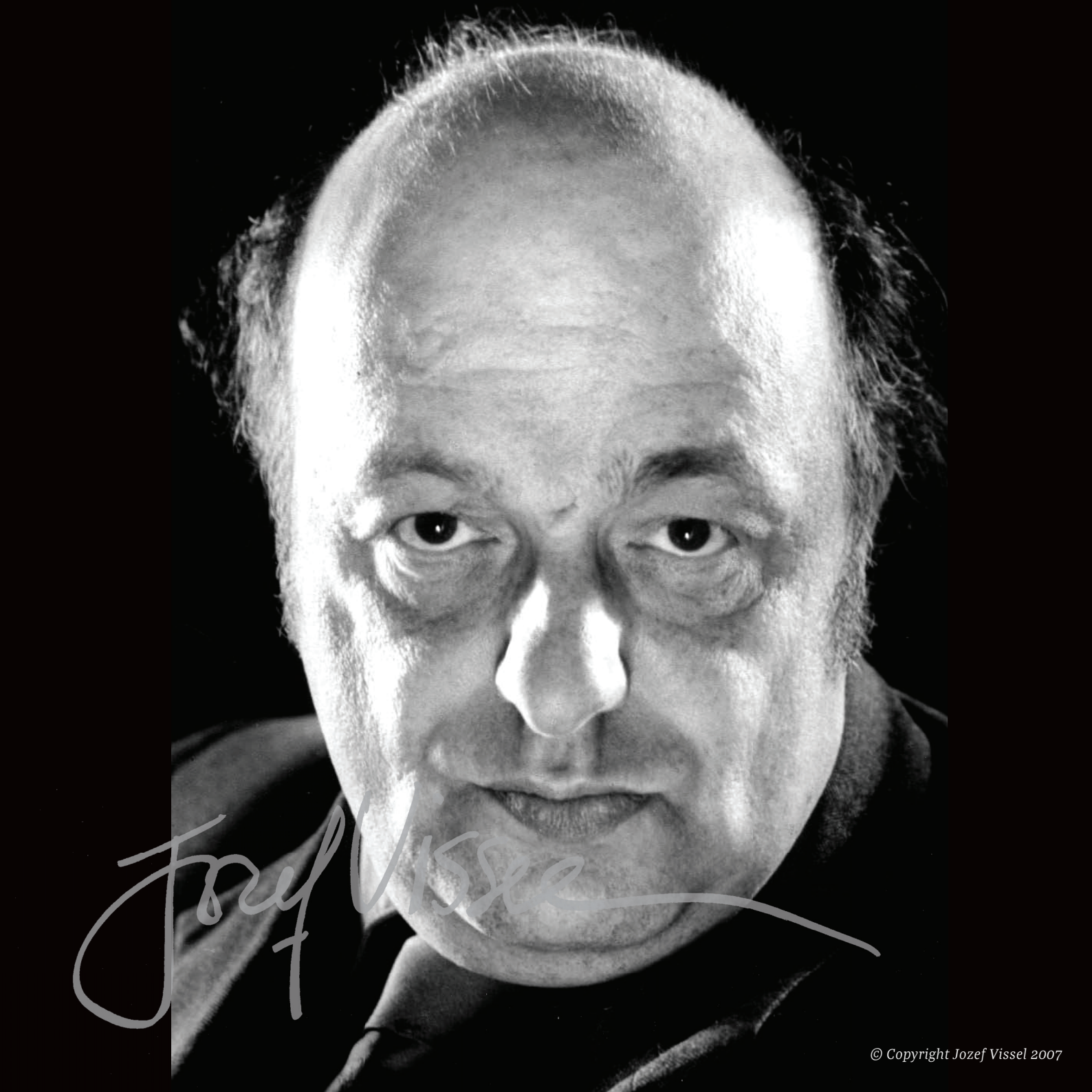


Jozef Vissels iconic portrait of Jørn Utzon visualising the new Opera House in Sydney | *Jørn Utzon was a relatively unknown 38 year old Dane until January 29, 1957 when his entry, scheme number 218, was announced winner of the* ***'International competition for a national opera house at Bennelong Point, Sydney'****. With his vision the City of Sydney soon to be recognised as an international city.*

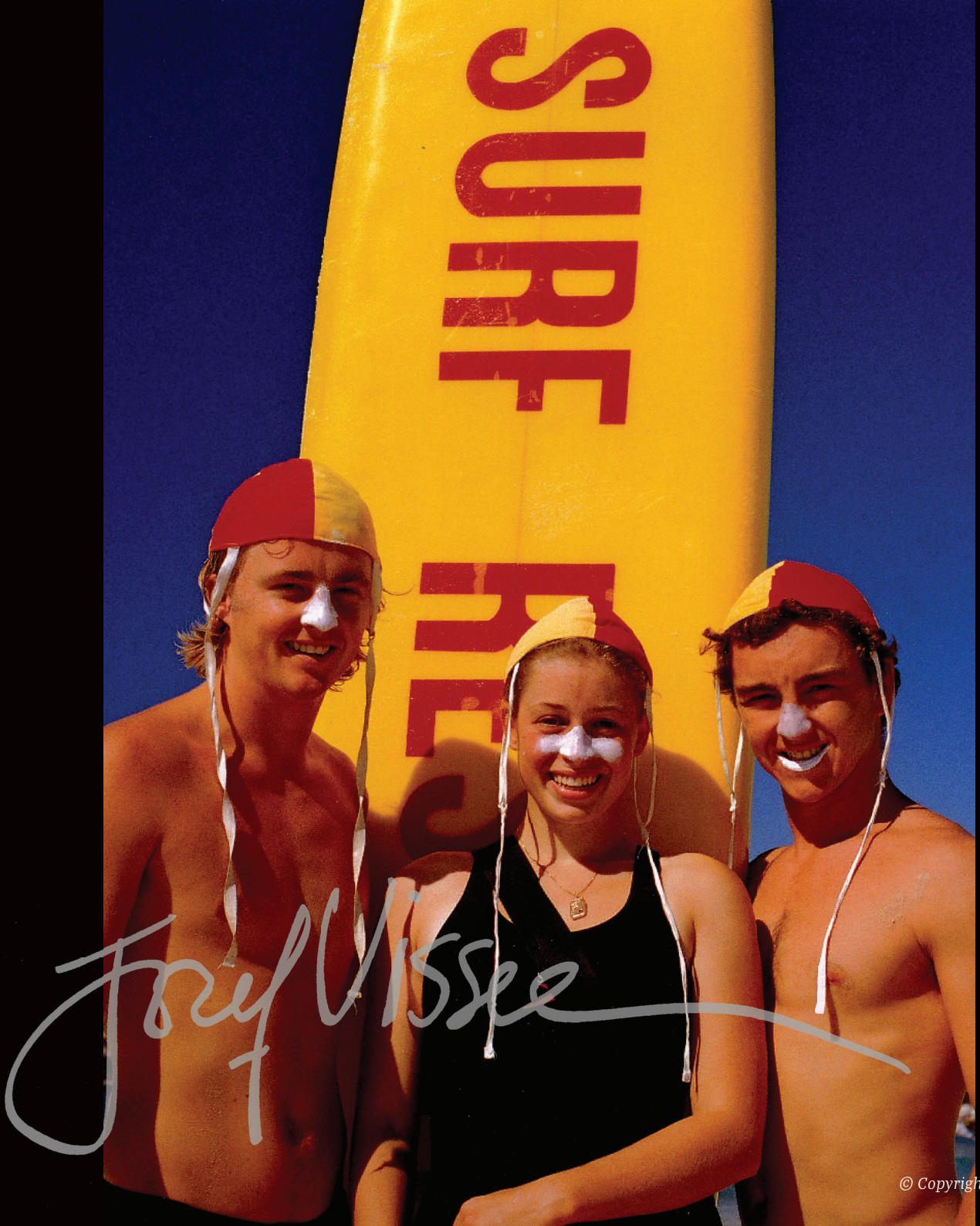
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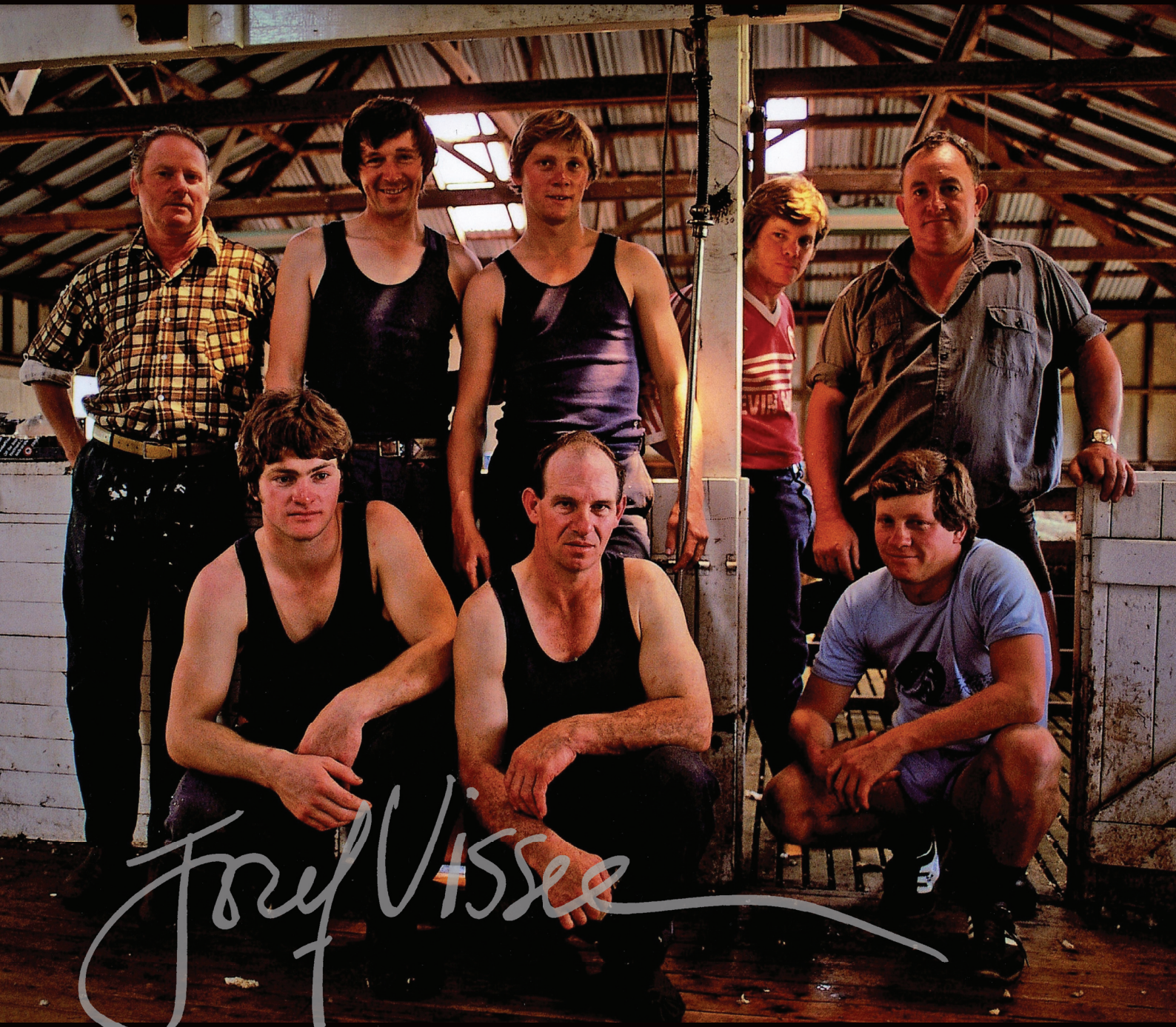
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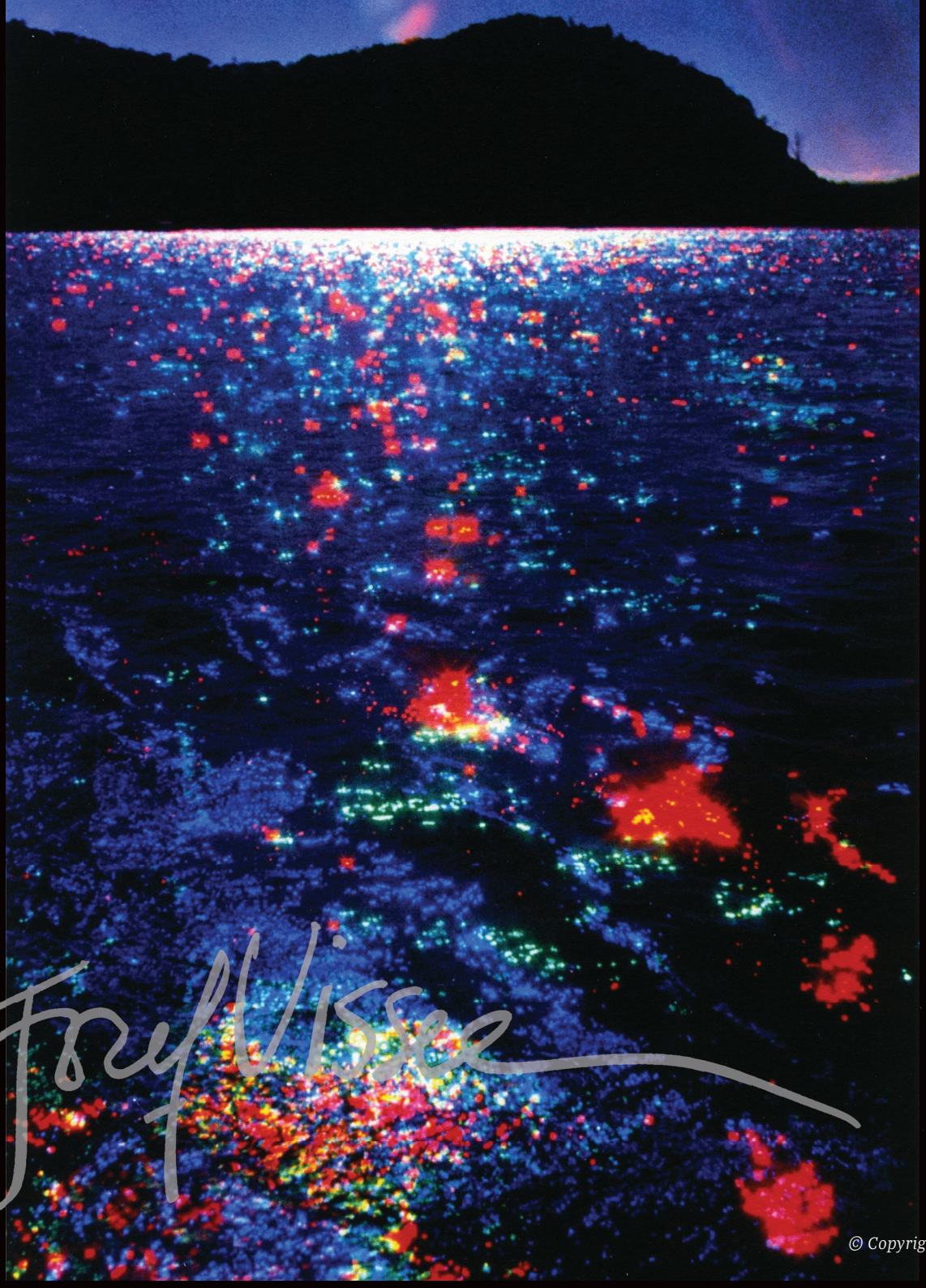
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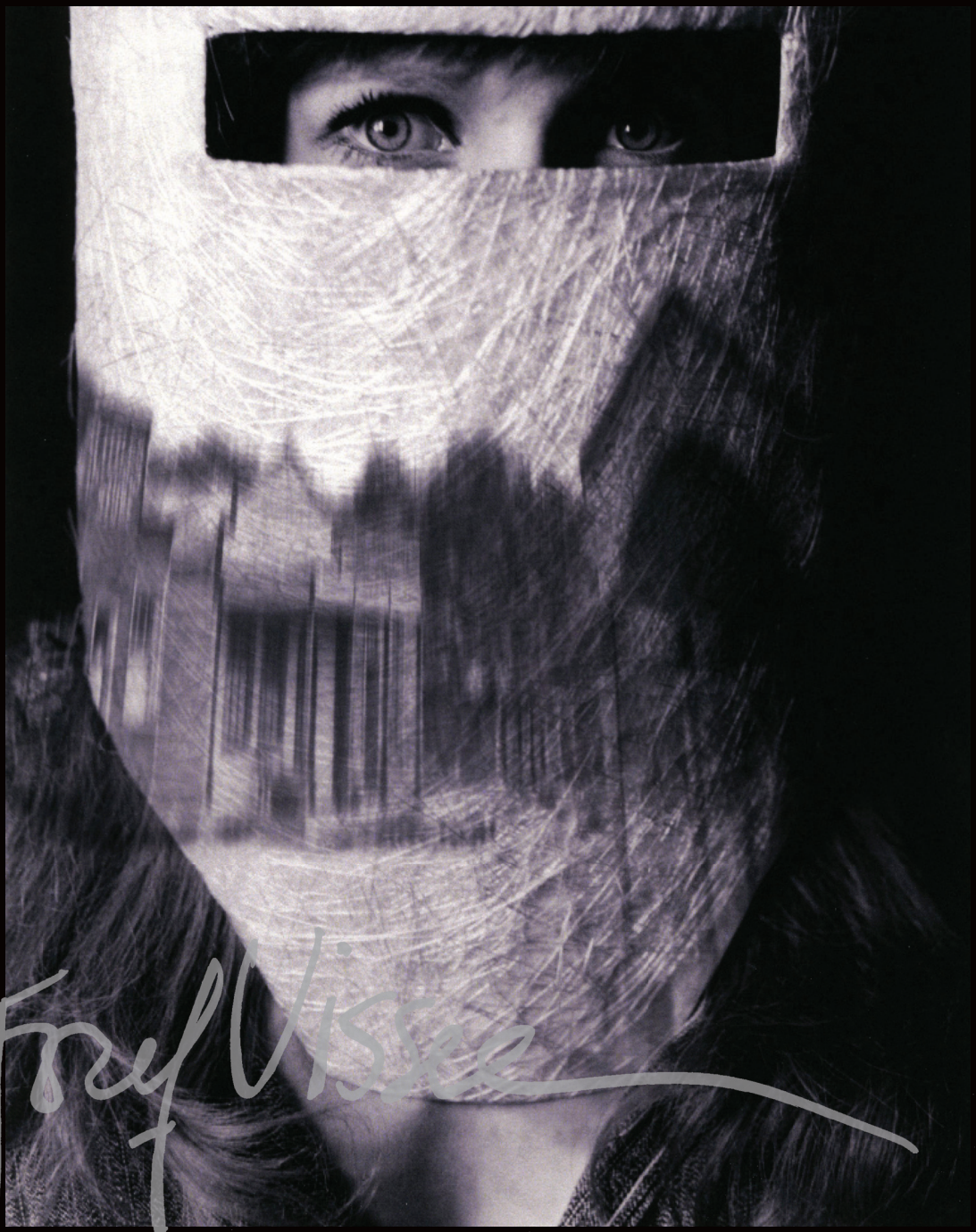
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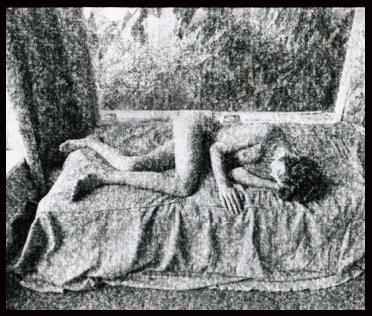
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