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Peter Saville: Estate 1-127



Synopsis

The now legendary cover designs for the Joy Division album *Unknown Pleasures* (1979) and the New Order single "Blue Monday" (1983) brought the Manchester graphic designer Peter Saville immediate international renown, with their somber yet lush Modernist edge. Saville was the cofounder of Factory Records, and was single-handedly responsible for its unique house style, so widely imitated, and so entirely Saville's own. Outside of the Factory stable he has produced covers for, among others, Patti Smith, Roxy Music, Wham!, Suede and Pulp, and has also collaborated on many architectural, fashion and interior design ventures, including the famous Manchester nightclub the Haçienda, and collaborations with Nick Knight, David Chippenfield and Stella McCartney. His sensibility combines unerring elegance with a remarkable ability to fracture imagery that epitomizes and defines a cultural moment. Based on his solo exhibition at the Migros Museum in Zurich, which also traveled to the ICA London, this book surveys Saville's extensive archives for the first time. It was conceived and designed in close collaboration with Saville; as such, it is the first publication to be designed by the artist. Born in Manchester (U.K.) in 1955, Peter Saville studied graphic design at Manchester Polytechnic. He found early inspiration in the elegantly ordered aesthetic of Jan Tschichold, the German-born book and type designer who was to become the chief propagandist for the New Typography. In 1979 he co-founded Factory Records (with Tony Wilson), and in the following year he co-designed the famous Haçienda nightclub.

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Being a huge New Order fan back in the days when *Technique* was indeed their last great album

and Electronic had some good material that sounded club, surprisingly great songs that tended toward lounge jazz, Peter Saville continued to do the art for all of them as a whole and separate parts, estranged. A tremendous artistic effort where every project was given a number. The collection of all of that became it's own testament - the last number being 127, a collection of the parts bound in one. Peter Saville believed it best to shun camera and let his pioneering graphics define the bands and move media to testament of what the story of being very mysterious could enrapture a crowd. As the bands hid, their art and perception defined what we couldn't see. A master of artistic marvel he led the way #1 - 127 this book will make you look smarter than you are. Make sure company can see it. A true marvel of artistic measure if ever there was one.

A very interesting photographic collection of Peter Saville's work - a must for those interested in his work over the years.

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