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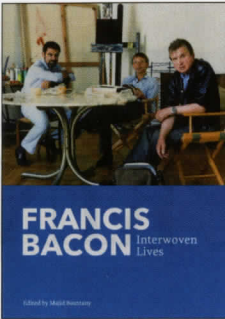
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Francis Bacon: Interwoven Lives

BY MAJID BOUSTANY

Retracing the deep friendship between Francis Bacon and two men who became his closest confidants.

BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED with photographs, reproductions of artworks, and items of correspondence, this is the latest book published by the Francis Bacon MB Art Foundation. Edited by the creator of the Foundation in Monaco, it retraces the deep friendship between Francis Bacon, the renowned British artist who spent some of his formative years in Ireland and lived in Monaco later in life, and the two men who became his closest confidants, Eddy Batache, a writer, journalist and art historian and Reinhard Hassert, an art dealer.

It begins with the unconventional life stories of these two intellectuals, recounts how Boustany came to meet them and reflects on the friendship that developed. In the second part, Batache writes about the fraternal bond between himself and his companion Hassert and the artist, offering glimpses of Bacon's private life, providing insights into the gestation of his paintings and recalling the trio's excursions in Europe.

The Foundation has established itself as the leading publisher, co-publisher and sponsor of books on the artist. This book, which can be purchased directly from the non-profit Francis Bacon MB Art Foundation, has a personal touch with Boustany, a well-respected art patron, crediting Batache and Hassert as the two people from whom he has learned so much about Bacon's life and art.

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