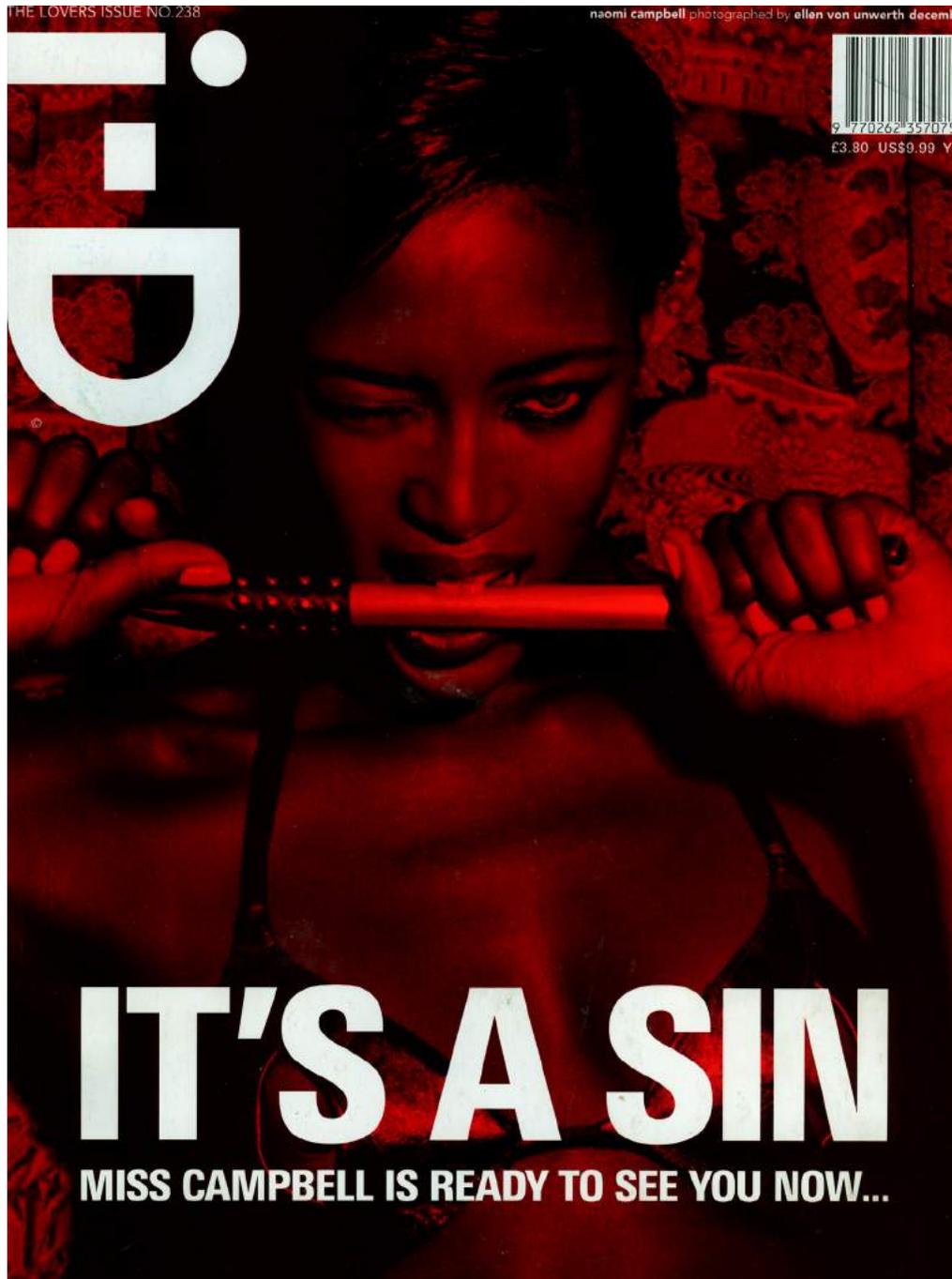


Joe Duggan

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My family and other animals

Taking the idealised image of the 'perfect' family of advertising, television and movie lore, Joe Duggan creates hyper-real images using mannequins photographed in sickly-sweet soft focus. His forthcoming exhibition at Hirschl Contemporary Art is his first solo show since graduating from the Royal College of Art with an MA in Fine Art Photography in 2002. His recent work has taken a darker turn, taking inspiration from Baudelaire's "sense of a destiny eternally solitary" even when surrounded by family and friends. Like the Chapman Brothers taking a day trip in Martin Parr's sickly-sweet world, the results are as disturbing as they are striking.

Joe Duggan at Hirschl Contemporary Art, 5 Cork St, London W1 from November 19 2003 - January 5 2004.