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For Andy Warhol (1928–1987), a photograph was more than a record of the reality that lay in front of his lens. His pictures of people famous and in focus raise questions about the capacity of portraiture, and photography, to render an image of the individual.

As source material for a single silkscreen portrait painting, Warhol often took as many as one hundred Polaroid shots of each subject. Consistently framed as head-and-shoulders compositions, facial features bleached by the camera’s flash, these pictures possess the repetitive look that the artist prized. In Warhol’s hands, photography was a means to examine how the reproductive medium actively manufactures celebrity and, ultimately, identity itself.

I am grateful to the students in my Contemporary Art class for the contributions they made to this exhibition. Their many insights remind me once again that there is always more to Andy Warhol’s art than meets the eye.

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