

WALLPAPER MAG INTERVIEW FROM 14 FEBRUARY 2008

American photographer Larry Sultan takes time out of his hectic schedule to talk inspiration, achievement, and Charlotte Rampling with wallpaper.com...

What was the first thing you thought about when you woke up this morning?

What did I do wrong?

What do you wear to work?

Slippers.

What do you have for breakfast?

Whatever my son leaves on his plate.

Do you read a newspaper/watch television/click online?

I read yesterday's New York Times.

How do you get to work?

I walk next door to my studio.

What time do you first check your inbox?

7.00am.

Where are your desk and chair from?

Heintz used office furniture.

If you could save only one item from your office/studio what would it be?

My love letter from Charlotte Rampling.

Do you listen to music whilst you work? If so, what are you listening to at the moment?

Yes, I'm listening to Dave Holland's "Conference of the Birds".

Where would your ideal lunch be and who would it be with?

Katz's Deli in NYC with my dad.

Summarise in three words your work ethos?

Circular guilty wandering.

What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?

Writing phone numbers down on pieces of paper that I lose in minutes.

What do you think is the most overrated virtue?

Feeling underrated.

Is there any single person that particularly inspires you?

Raymond Carver.

Where do you feel most inspired?

In the shower.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My sons.

How do you switch off?

Scotch.

What did you want to be when you were a child?

A writer.

What excites you/terrifies you on a daily basis?

Answering the telephone.

Would you like to be your own assistant?

Are you kidding?

Is there anything about retirement you look forward to?

I've been retired for 30 years now.

If you could choose to come back as person or thing, who or what would it be?

Charlotte Rampling's poodle.

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