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For the first time ever, two monumental Opus editions have been ingeniously fused into one, offering a unique storytelling experience.

The Maradona Opus and Pelé The Opus are now re-imagined as one titanic volume called the 10 x 10 OPUS.

Step into the legendary worlds of Pelé and Diego Maradona in one extraordinary tome. This innovative rotary-book design lets you explore the dazzling careers of two football icons from both sides. Turn the pages one way to journey through Pelé's legendary moments, then flip it over to relive Maradona's unforgettable triumphs. Together in one highly desirable Opus, celebrate the magic and mastery of these two titans of footballing history.



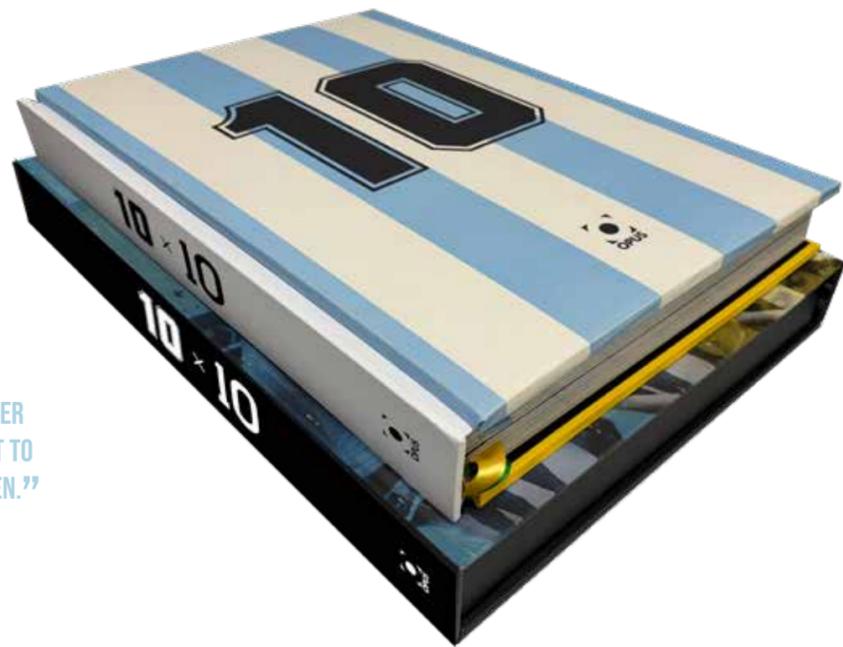
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The Maradona Opus. The ultimate tribute to honour the legacy of arguably the greatest footballer the world has ever seen. *The Maradona Opus* is the result of an official collaboration with the footballing genius, Diego Armando Maradona. Charting the journey from his humble beginnings playing street football in the shanty town of Villa Fiorito, to his crowning glory of captaining Argentina to World Cup success in Mexico '86, and beyond. Maradona's career is celebrated through a collection of wonderfully evocative photographs reproduced on an unprecedented scale.

The Maradona Opus showcases the career of one of football's true icons, a player whose genius lit up stadiums and inspired millions around the world. From the streets of Buenos Aires to the greatest stages in world football, Maradona's talent was unmatched. His dazzling dribbles, visionary passing and unforgettable goals set him apart as a legend of the game.

The Foreword for the Opus was contributed by his friend and footballing royalty, Pelé.



“EVEN IF I PLAYED FOR A MILLION YEARS, I'D NEVER COME CLOSE TO MARADONA. NOT THAT I'D WANT TO ANYWAY. HE'S THE GREATEST THERE'S EVER BEEN.”
LIONEL MESSI



At Napoli, he transformed the club's history, delivering their first Serie A titles and a UEFA Cup, forever cementing his place in the hearts of fans. On the international stage, his crowning glory came at the 1986 World Cup in Mexico, where he carried Argentina to victory with moments of magic that remain etched in footballing history; the “Hand of God” and the “Goal of the Century.” Maradona was more than a player; he was a symbol of passion, artistry and defiance, embodying the very spirit of the beautiful game.

Award-winning chief sports writer for *The Times*, Matt Dickinson, contributes an exclusive interview piece crafted from several sit-downs with Maradona over the years, and specially-commissioned essays lay the foundation for each chapter. A multitude of quotes from Maradona himself, and a selection of teammates, opponents and admirers – including the likes of José Mourinho, Gary Lineker and Lionel Messi – add an extra level of insight.

All copies are personally hand signed by Diego Maradona.

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Pelé The Opus. In 1958 a 17 year old boy-genius was unveiled to the world in Sweden at the sixth FIFA World Cup. He was the youngest player to ever be named in a World Cup squad and he went on to rewrite the record books and over his career he would go on to become a household name and one of the most recognisable humans on the planet. Born Edson Arantes do Nascimento he would be affectionately known across the world simply as Pelé – the greatest football player of all time.

Pelé The Opus celebrates the playing career of the youngest World Cup winner, aged 17 in 1958 he scored 6 goals in the tournament. He became the youngest player to ever score in a World Cup final and still is Brazil's record goalscorer, scoring 95 goals in 114 games. When Pelé retired from international football, Brazil was the most successful nation in the history of the competition. Pelé was a three-time World Cup

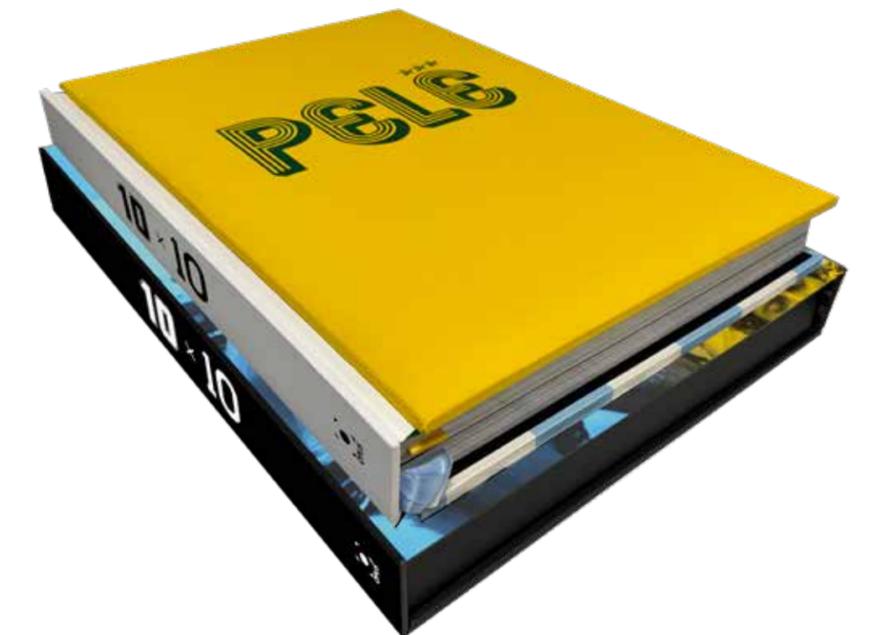


winner – 1958, 1962 and 1970. In both 1958 and 1970 Pelé was arguably the player of the tournament and until today no other player has won the World Cup three times as a player.

Pelé's brilliance shone not only in the yellow of Brazil but also across club football, where he redefined the sport. At Santos, he became a global icon, scoring over a thousand goals and leading the team to multiple titles. He transformed Santos into a touring powerhouse, drawing massive crowds wherever they played. Later, at the New York Cosmos, Pelé helped ignite soccer's popularity in the United States, inspiring a new generation. His influence away from the national team cemented him as football's first true international superstar.

An in-depth interview exclusively for the Opus is a special feature of this Opus which also includes a Foreword personally written by fellow World Cup winner, Sir Geoff Hurst. There is commentary throughout from many other footballing icons including Johan Cruyff, Cristiano Ronaldo, Bobby Charlton, Bobby Moore, Zico and Franz Beckenbauer.

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PELÉ



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Diego Maradona

UNPRECEDENTED SCALE

THE SIZE OF THE OPUS HAS TO BE SEEN TO BE TRULY APPRECIATED, WEIGHING OVER 25KG AND WITH EACH OF THE 528 PAGES MEASURING A GARGANTUAN 60CM X 43CM.

The 10x10 Opus:

- 528 pages, printed in high definition on luxury 200gsm silk paper
- Bound in a unique style that allows the viewer to read the story of one icon, the Opus can then be turned over to start reading the story of the other
- Presented in a bespoke hand-made clamshell case immortalising the two iconic number 10 shirts worn by Maradona and Pelé for their countries
- Personally hand-signed by Diego Maradona and Pelé
- Weighing over 25kg

PELÉ, THE OPUS CHAPTERS

Foreword by Sir Geoff Hurst

Interview

The King

The Beginning

1958

1962

1966

1970

Santos and Cosmos

Legacy

THE MARADONA OPUS CHAPTERS

Foreword by Pelé

The Game's Most Epic Life

Champion of the World

A Dream Fulfilled

A Catalan Challenge

The King of Naples

The End of an Era

1970

Icon of a Nation

INSIGHTFUL WORDS

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Pelé The Opus. Multiple award-winning English sports journalist, author and broadcaster, Ian Stafford, weaves a rich and vivid narrative that truly captures the essence of Pelé – not just as a footballer, but as an inspirational figure whose impact transcended the sport. Through Stafford's eloquent prose, readers are invited into the world of a man who won three World Cups, a feat unmatched to this day.

Pelé's journey from the streets of Brazil to the pinnacle of world football, paint a portrait of a player whose talent, charisma and sheer determination made him a global icon. Each page of the Opus reflects how Pelé's unmatched career and legacy continue to inspire generations.

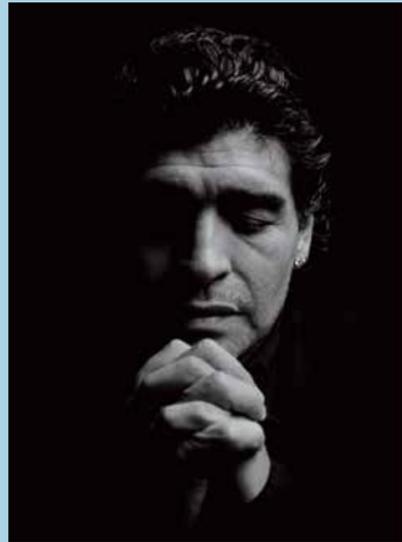


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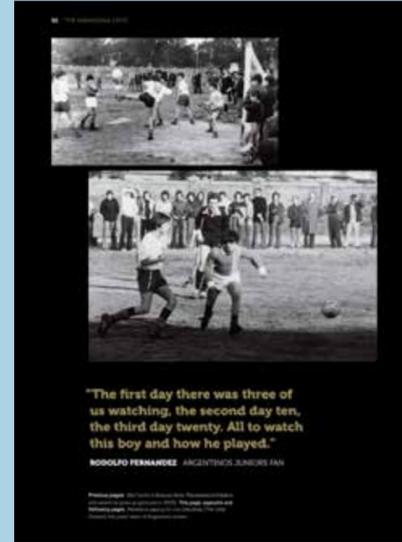
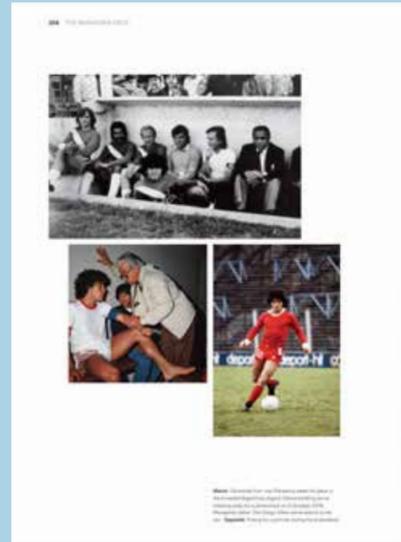
"I can tell you that I lost out on many years with my daughters, and you can't buy that time with all the money in the world."

DIEGO MARADONA

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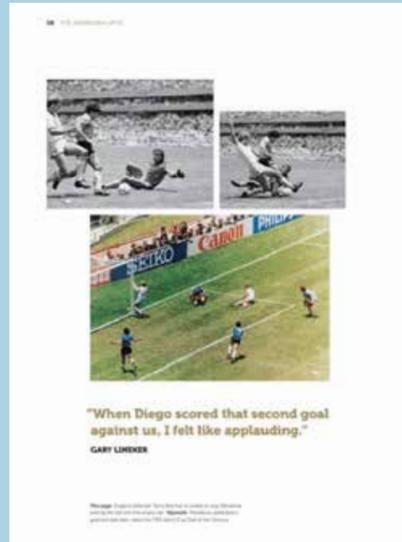
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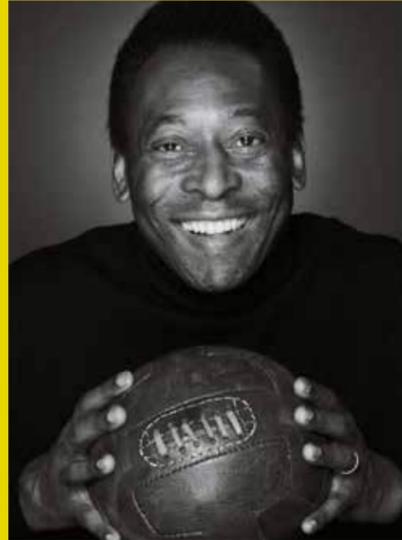
"And to think that before the World Cup people criticised me, saying Maradona wasn't qualified to be captain and that he still had to prove himself."

CARLOS ELIARDO



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In conversation with a legend
An interview with Pelé

F all paths of a career in football, another Cup for the national team. The new World Cup was a challenge for the Brazilian national team, but Pelé was already a legend and a graduate of all that is shown to see long above all else: The World Cup.

He would appear in front of a crowd, with different opportunities, and for the first time being an international footballer. He had achieved a World Cup with the national team, but he was not yet a legend. He was a player who had been considered by many the best in the history of football, but without being the best in the history of the World Cup.

To reach the 1958 World Cup in Sweden, at the age of just 17, was a phenomenal feat. He had only had the experience of the age before, ten months after the professional debut. He had been a player with the team Santos, but he was not yet a legend. He was a player who had been considered by many the best in the history of football, but without being the best in the history of the World Cup.

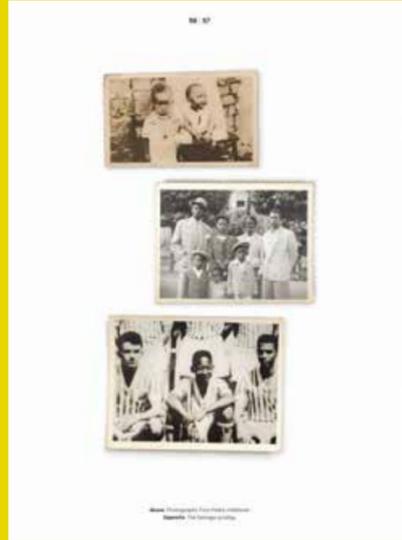
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"For Brazilians, speaking about Pelé is speaking about an entity, speaking about something far superior to everyone."
RONALDO NAZÁRIO

Left: Pelé with his family in 1970. Right: Pelé with his family in 1970.



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"We knew that it would be a tough game against England. ... Everyone said the same thing. Whoever won the match would go all the way to the final."
PELÉ

Photo: Getty Images / The Football Association



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"Pelé was the most complete player I've ever seen. Two good feet. Magic in the air. Quick. Powerful. Could beat people with skill. Could outrun people. Only 5'8" tall, yet he seemed a giant of an athlete on the pitch. Perfect balance and impossible vision."
BOBBY MOORE

Photo: Getty Images / The Football Association



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"Pelé fused together his glory and Brazil's. It was like being at war with the Brazilian flag in your hand. His legend is our legend."
FERNANDO HENRIQUE CARDOSO

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PELÉ THE OPUS

SIGNED LIMITED EDITION



The unique hand-signed pages from both Maradona and Pelé add incredible investment value to this special dual edition.

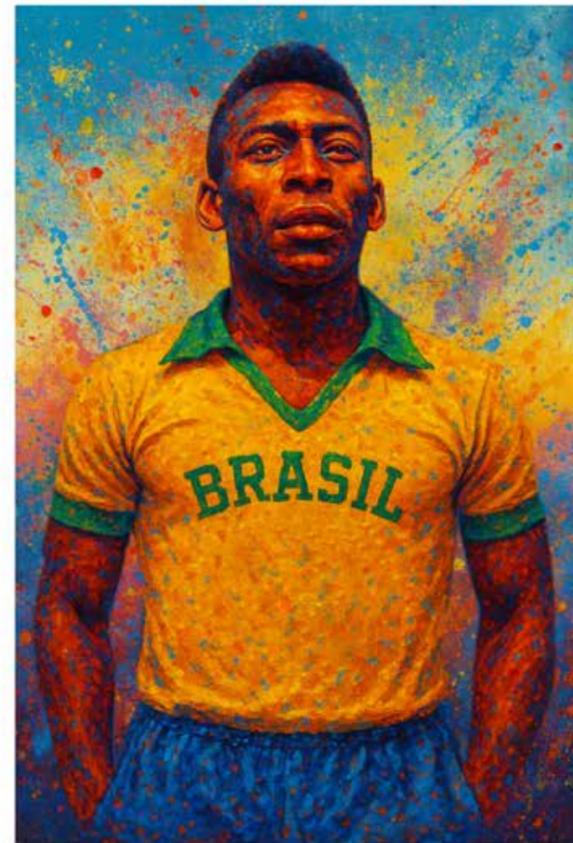
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“KINGS” LIMITED EDITION ART PRINTS

The Opus also comes with two beautiful 12” x 16” portraits of Maradona and Pelé titled *KINGS*. The art prints are presented on heavy-duty archival paper with a satin finish.

The prints are vibrant contemporary illustrations created especially for the *10 x 10 Opus* that captures the majesty and aura of these global icons.



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