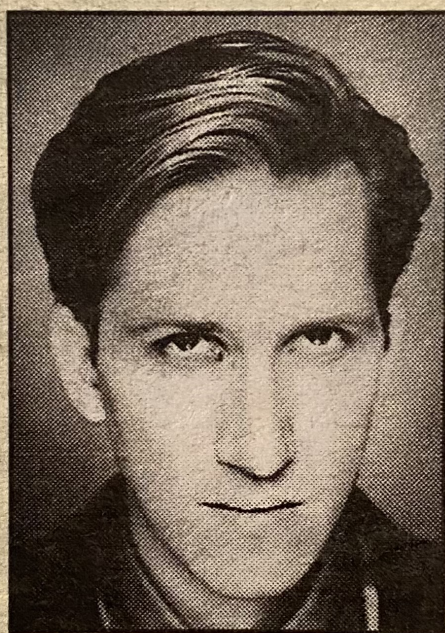


Kostabi's Roman holiday a fine dine for the divine

ART world oddball **Mark Kostabi** (right) is keeping some curious company in Rome, where he spends much of his time these days. The '80s-era East Village *artrepreneur* dined with **Sophia Loren**, her sister **Maria Scicolone** (who married Benito Mussolini's son and is the mother of



right-hand man transfixed by her like a teenybopper in the presence of **Gwen Stefani**," Kostabi tells Page Six. "When I gave Sophia a signed copy of my latest book, 'The Rhythm of Inspiration,' she briefly held my hand while thanking me, causing me to melt in utter adulation

Italian politician **Alessandra Mussolini**) and **Don Franco Camaldo** — whom Kostabi called "the **Pope's** right-hand man" — at Antica Pesa restaurant the other night. "I was amazed to be in the living presence of one of film history's greatest actresses and an iconic sex symbol, equal to Marilyn Monroe, and to see the Pope's

and total puppy love. I knew then and there that my decision to live in Rome payed off big time. But I still love New York, and I'll be back soon for my one-person show uptown at the **Adam Baumgold** Gallery in May."

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