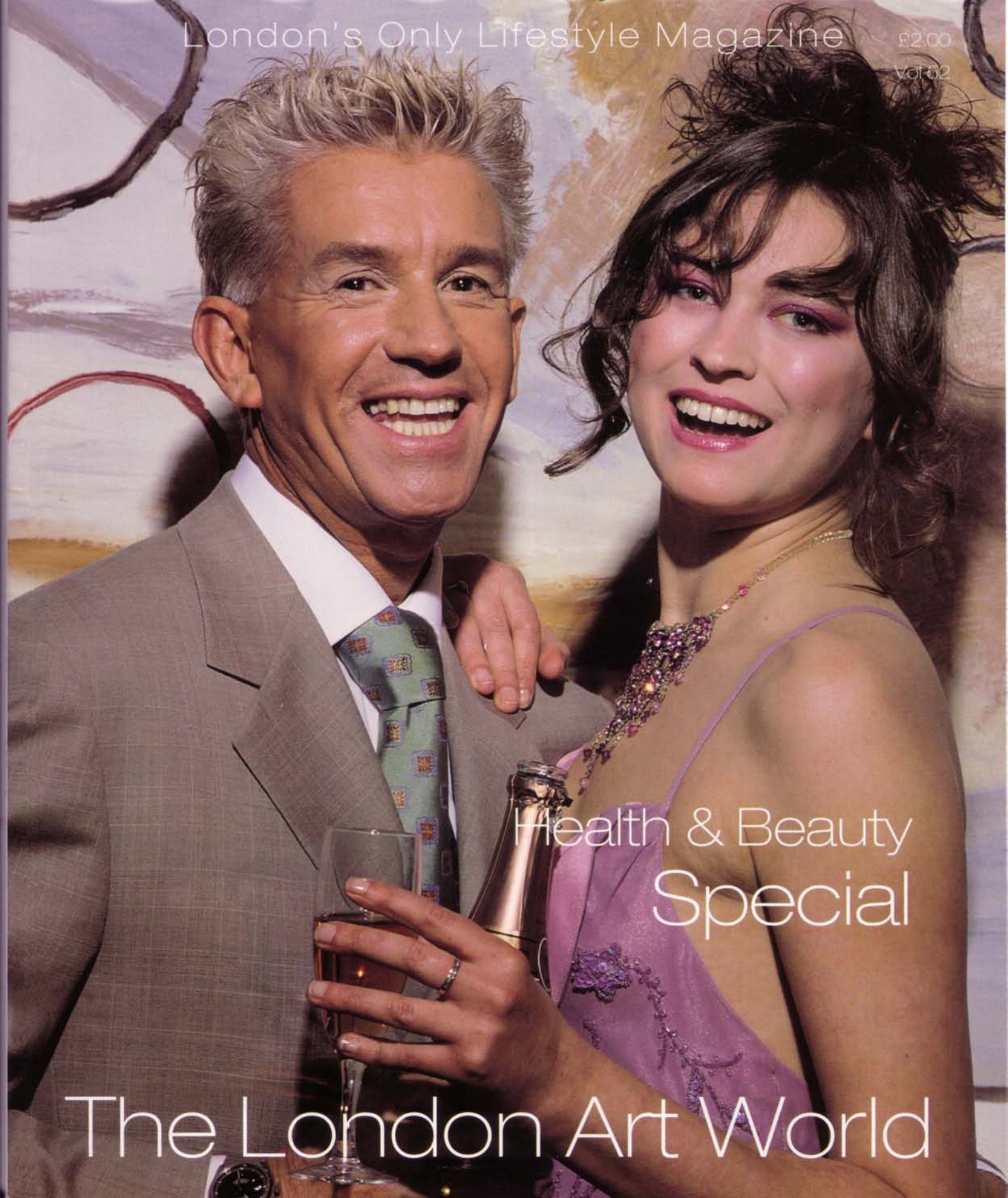


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Albert Jackson

Los Angeles Artist Moves to London

Californian artist Albert Jackson, who counts The Supremes and Tom Cruise amongst his clients, was born in Heidelberg, Germany on 27 October 1961. Albert's early childhood was spent on the move throughout Germany and the United States and his formative years with his family in Colorado.

His talent for painting and sculpture was evident from childhood when he won several art competitions. He didn't consider art a viable career choice at the time assuming he wouldn't be able to make a living from it and went on to study photography, philosophy, theology, politics and computer science at the University of Colorado.

He began his career in computers followed by a spell in advertising when he worked as an art director.

It was a return visit to Europe in the mid 1980's that inspired him to return to his original love, art. On a trip to Paris, the sight of the Eiffel Tower had a profound effect on him – its enormity and complexity as a single steel structure, was to revive his passion for sculpture.

As a tribute to this incredible building and its influence on him, Albert's signature bears a striking resemblance to its distinctive form.

On returning to America, he set up his own business making steel furniture for large companies and department stores. This evolved gradually into a full time commitment to his art-work and he set up a permanent studio in Long Beach, Los Angeles from where he soon established a reputation amongst galleries and private collectors.

His work has been shown in New York, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas and Toronto. Albert was honoured to be chosen to exhibit his work as featured artist at the New York International film festival.

Albert moved to the UK 14 months ago and first established a studio/work space in Birmingham, at the Custard Factory Art Complex, which is home to a number of artists and artistic businesses. His first show in the UK was held at the Custard Factory in May and attracted considerable interest and enthusiasm from Art Critics and Buyers alike.



Sonata (8" x 3" x 2")

This was followed by his debut show in London in November which attracted more than 300 important people.

Some of the press quotes include:

"One of the most innovative contemporary sculptors and painters of his time."
Alison Dayani - Evening Mail.

"Despite appearances this is not a group show but the electric output of one artist – Albert Jackson."
Emma Safe - Metro Magazine.

"Jackson embraces his art forms with such enthusiasm that he has produced his very own personal mode of expression."
Ed Walters - Los Angeles Times.

Amongst his influences, Albert counts Michelangelo, Rodin, Dali, Andy Warhol and Picasso. Albert admires Dali for his perspective and Picasso for his use of colour, texture and the power of emotion in his art. He is moved by Michaelangelo's ability to manifest humanness within his sculptures and is inspired by the weight depth and lines of Rodin's work. ■

Albert Jackson will be showing in London, the first being The Menier Gallery 52 Southwark Street SE1, from April 2nd until April 6th 11am to 6pm, Sunday until 4pm, and in different galleries in the near future, call for details. Telephone 020 7373 7282.

www.albertjackson.com

Kimono Dragon: (35" x 31")



Solitude - Free Standing Sculpture
(height 6ft x 3ft wide x 14" thick)
above



Albert Jackson with Supremes:
Freddie, Scherrie and Lynda. 2002



British Minister for Europe Peter Hain who visited Albert's UK launch.



Ambrosia: (24" x 36") above



Papillon: (39.5" x 19" x 20")



Shirley Bassey after party

1. Actress Gail from TV Soap Coronation Street and Dame Shirley Bassey. 2. Heather Bird, Dame Shirley Bassey and Cheryl Kennedy



The after show party of premier To Kill a King. 1. Petra Nemcova & David Blaine. 2. Dougray Scott & Jane Horrocks. 3. Dougray Scott & Tara Palmer Tompkinson. 4. Jane Horrocks, Olivia Williams, Dougray Scott, Tara Fitzgerald.



'The Menier Gallery' - Albert Jackson show

1. Grant Wadey with Noreen Thomson and Albert Jackson. 2. Trudi Juggernaught, Albert Jackson, and Phillip Salon. 3. Paola Weiss and Mike Davis. 4. Sculptor Albert Jackson and Deida Acero ? 5. Mike Thompson (middle)with Lalita Lalvani. 6. Trudi Juggernaught , Albert Jackson and Phillip Salon. 7. Barbara di Georgio, Valentin Borrisov and Lesley Burton. 8. Noreen Thomson with Simon Lee and friend Calvin. 9. Lesley Burton, Albert Jackson, Barbara di Georgiou