

VANITY FAIR

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**KATIE
PORTER**
HAS THE
FLOOR

A BALLET
COMPANY'S
**DANCE
OF DEATH**

**DAVID
ZASLAV**
VS. THE
GOLIATHS

TOP GUNS:
**TOM
CRUISE'S**
NEW
WINGMEN

PLUS

**Gore Vidal
On the Rocks**
By Alan Cumming

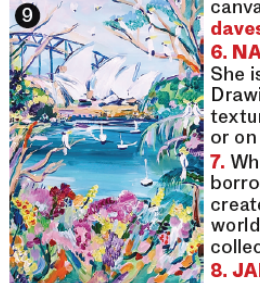
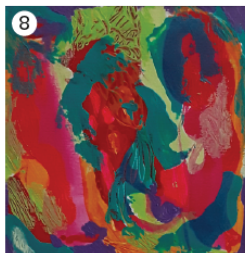
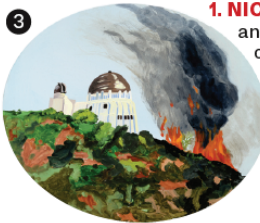
The Passion of
DWAYNE
Johnson

**HOLLYWOOD'S
BIGGEST HITTER LETS
DOWN HIS GUARD**

By CHRIS HEATH

Photographs by
MARK SELIGER

Worth A Thousand Words



1. NICOLE MAY utilises an exquisite fusion of textures, metallic paints and a mixture of bright and neutral colours to form alluring and ethereal contemporary abstract pieces. See more of her striking collection online at nicolemayart.co.uk and follow [@nicolemayart](https://www.instagram.com/nicolemayart) on IG.

2. BARBARA VOGEL creates colourful abstract paintings. Inspired by life, she transforms emotions into pieces that take the viewer on an imaginative journey, often using unusual materials and tools. The most important parts of her painting process are music and finding her inner child. Visit barbaravogel.com or IG [@barbaravogelart](https://www.instagram.com/barbaravogelart)

3. Los Angeles based contemporary artist, **SUSAN LIZOTTE**, has exhibited her works both in the US and internationally. Creating landscape works, abstract maps and dramatic artworks of Los Angeles, her pieces flow and unfold themselves. Explore her varied collections online at susanlizotte.com and on IG [@susanlizotte](https://www.instagram.com/susanlizotte)

4. HOLLIE KING is an Australian abstract artist and designer now based in Ontario. Her 20 years in the creative industry living in the UK, Indonesia, East Timor, Canada and Australia are the inspiration behind her fine art: achieving balance through chaos. Visit art.holliekingdigital.com and IG [@hollie.king.artist](https://www.instagram.com/hollie.king.artist)

5. DAVE SWARTZ is an abstract psychedelic artist. His work is inspired by our relationship to nature. Using a variety of trash products such as plastic bags, Dave sculpts mushroom shapes onto canvas to create a truly unique sculpted painting. Visit daveswartzart.com and follow [@daveswartzart](https://www.instagram.com/daveswartzart) on IG.

6. NATALIE SAUNDERS is an artist based out of Melbourne, Australia. She is well-known for her work with acrylics and abstract creations. Drawing from her textile design background, she enjoys working with textures and bold colours. Discover more at nataliesaundersartist.com or on IG [@natalie.saunders.artist](https://www.instagram.com/natalie.saunders.artist)

7. While **COLLIN POLLARD**'s work is centered around photography, he borrows the visual language from painting, sculpture, and collage. He creates mixed media paintings which explore the line between the physical world and the ways in which it is digitally represented. See his remarkable collection at collinpollardphoto.com and on IG at [@collinpollard__](https://www.instagram.com/collinpollard__)

8. JANET BELL is an abstract artist based in the UK. Her work is positive and uplifting with an emphasis on the energy of colour and contrasts. She paints in acrylics or a combination of inks and acrylics. Visit janetbell-abstractart.co.uk IG: [@janetbellabstractart](https://www.instagram.com/janetbellabstractart)

or shop on etsy.com/uk/shop/janetbellabstractart

9. Sydney artist **KATE WADDINGTON** liberally applies pastel colours through expressive brush strokes, evoking the ambience of idealised abstract landscapes. The former architect reflects the character and harmony of nature interacting with the man-made world. Commissions and original work available. Visit katewaddington.com.au or IG [@_katewaddington](https://www.instagram.com/_katewaddington)

10. DIANA ZOE COOP lives and works on the crest of the Rocky mountains, Vancouver. Temperate verdant forests, untamed gardens, and the wild landscape surrounding her inspire abstract, expressionist paintings, which leap from coastal streams to her canvas. Art connects us. Visit dianazoecoopartist.com and IG [@dianazoecoop](https://www.instagram.com/dianazoecoop)

11. After years working purely in oils, **GAYNOR LEVERETT- JAQUES** spent two years exploring movement, textures and emotions through mixed media, oils and acrylic. Though loving the freedom of the new mediums, her trademark love of bold colour and texture still shows in every piece. Visit gaynorljart.com and follow [@gaynorljart](https://www.instagram.com/gaynorljart) on IG.

12. ELISE MENDELLE is a Canadian painter based in London. Her expressive brushstrokes and stripped back subjects aim at capturing a moment in time and asking the viewer, 'what happens next?' Elise is inspired by the simplicity of these everyday moments and how they resonate personally with each individual. Visit impressionsbyelise.co.uk or IG [@impressionsbyelise](https://www.instagram.com/impressionsbyelise)

13. ALEXANDRA YAN WONG is a London-based artist. Her paintings explore the interplay between tactile textures and the abstract visual. At its core, her work revolves around bringing into reality an internal world, simultaneously highlighting the tension inherently present in perception. Follow her on IG [@alexandrayanwong](https://www.instagram.com/alexandrayanwong) or visit alexandrayanwongart.com

14. BOYD WAITES is an expressive abstract landscape painter who is currently lighting up Instagram. His superb paintings depict moody, atmospheric works for your senses. Currently to be seen at Sullington Art Exhibition, Oct 15th-24th The Old Workshop, Sullington Manor Farm, West Sussex. Visit boydwaites.com and IG [@boydwaites](https://www.instagram.com/boydwaites)

15. RON VAN DAM takes inspiration from photographs, allowing him to unveil the unique personalities hidden behind every face. By merging paint with newspaper clippings and posters, this self-taught artist creates stimulating acrylic and mixed media art finished with a deep shine. Visit ronvandamart.com or IG [@ronvandamart](https://www.instagram.com/ronvandamart)

16. Wildlife conservation artist **KELLY RYNER** conveys her love for animals through luminous and soulful watercolour portraits. This American artist resides in Australia and finds joy in the fact that each piece sold supports conservation efforts, showcasing her empathy for wildlife. Visit kellyryner.com or IG [@kelly.ryner.art](https://www.instagram.com/kelly.ryner.art)

17. MELISSA SCHAIKER creates truly emotive surrealist paintings that are both striking and captivating in their nature. Fusing oil artistry with a bright colour palette, her powerful 'muse' piece has moved audiences at various exhibitions in New York City. Visit mschainerfineart.com and follow [@mschainerfineart](https://www.instagram.com/mschainerfineart) on IG.