

Alice Instone – Interview with a Shoe

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Interview With A Shoe by Alice Instone

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Shoes of some of the most influential and inspirational figures in the UK are the content of a forthcoming new exhibition from British artist **Alice Instone**.

'**Interview with a Shoe**', running from 21st May - 3rd June in London, features a series of more than twenty portraits of the favourite footwear of high profile names such as Annie Lennox, Elle Macpherson, Alexander McQueen, Bianca Jagger, Nicole Farhi, Laura Bailey and Alice Temperley.

The paintings capture a personal story from the memories of wearing the shoes. The Little Church of the West Las Vegas portrays a pair of gold platform sandals worn by Annie Lennox to the Las Vegas wedding of Bob Geldof and Paula Yates. Election Trail depicts the high heeled pink stilettos of Cherie Blair, worn during the election campaign of 2005.

Elle Macpherson, whose well worn cowboy boots are part of the show said: *"We all have a favourite pair of shoes and they often reveal something about us without us even realising. I have a pair of black cowboy boots that I've had since I was a teenager. I've worn them on so many different occasions that they conjure up great memories. Alice has a talent for capturing something quite functional to evoke its charm and make an emotional connection."*

Alongside the shoe portraits, Alice has created a selection of exquisite silk screen prints and shoe sculptures.

Running for two weeks, the show will also help to raise funds for the charity Dress for Success London. This not for profit organisation, founded in New York in 1997 and in London in 2000, helps to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing them with professional attire, a network of support and career development.

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21st May - 3rd June 2009

Venue: Beach Blanket Babylon: