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Liked Banksy? You'll love Bambi. Female urban artist tags London with Mo Farah, Amy Winehouse, Kate and William and the Queen... but WHO is she?

- Rhianna, Kate Moss and Adele have commissioned street painter
- Brad Pitt bought Duke and Duchess of Cambridge painting for Angelina Jolie
- Pseudonymous artist was born in Hoxton, London
- Work sells for £30,000 to £100,000

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Anonymous street artist Banksy caused a flurry of excitement on the streets of Bristol when his subversive and politically satirical graffiti began cropping up all over his hometown in the mid-1990s. And now a pseudonymous female urban painter who operates under the name Bambi is set to do the same in London. Dubbed 'the female Banksy' (even by BBC commentator David Dimbleby), Bambi is a Hoxton-born St. Martin's Art College graduate who has been adding illicit colour to the capital for the past seven years, daubing the city's outside spaces with playful pop culture references and the recognisable faces of Mo Farah, the Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Amy Winehouse.



A print of Bambi's commemorative painting of Kate Middleton and Prince William's engagement photo, left, and the original which appeared in Islington in 2011, right

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Bambi's tag, which can be found alongside her external artwork on the streets of London

Furthermore, celebrities including Adele and Rihanna have commissioned her work, while Brad Pitt bought one of her re-workings of Prince William and Kate Middleton's official engagement photo (not the one on an Islington external wall, one assumes) as a gift for Angelina Jolie.

Robbie Williams, Mark Owen, Harry Styles and Louis Walsh also have original Bambi's, which sell for sums between £30,000 and £100,000. Speaking about her art, Bambi, who has never been identified, says: 'I let my work speak for itself. But dreams can inspire me and I am particularly interested in people who spread love and joy.'



A tribute to Amy Winehouse in Camden, left, and one done of Mo Farah during the 2012 London Olympics, right

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A Bambi street-piece with the tagline 'I believe in Angels'

So named because her father's childhood nickname for her was 'Bambino', Bambi's most famous work is arguably her tribute to late singer Amy Winehouse, painted near the home in which the troubled Camden star died.

Her bold and brightly coloured stencilled and freehand work is inspired by artists including Andy Warhol and Francis Bacon.

The painting was whitewashed only to be repainted slightly differently by the artist. The image, titled Amy Jade, is now protected by Perspex and considered something of a modern cultural landmark. Bambi told Grazia that her bold and brightly coloured stencilled and freehand work is inspired by artists including Andy Warhol and Francis Bacon, and would have liked Michael Jackson, Freddie Mercury and Jimi Hendrix to have hung her creations on their walls.



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A portrait of the Queen titled 'diamonds are a girl's best friend', left, and a painting of Usain Bolt

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A small street piece of a baby

The artist's techniques include spray-paint, diamond dust and gold leaf, and her subject matter is predominantly topical. In 2011 she commemorated the Royal Wedding with a picture of Kate and William, draped in bunting, with 'A Bit Like Marmite' printed across their chests. During the 2012 London Olympic Games she painted a bright yellow likeness of Mo Farah doing the Mobot.

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Bambi held her first official exhibition at Walton Fine Arts Gallery in Knightsbridge last November, the company being her exclusive agents.

But when you're not told where her art is, can you find one in the city?



Two of Bambi's baby-themed artworks

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Bambi's tribute to James Bond and Daniel Craig

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