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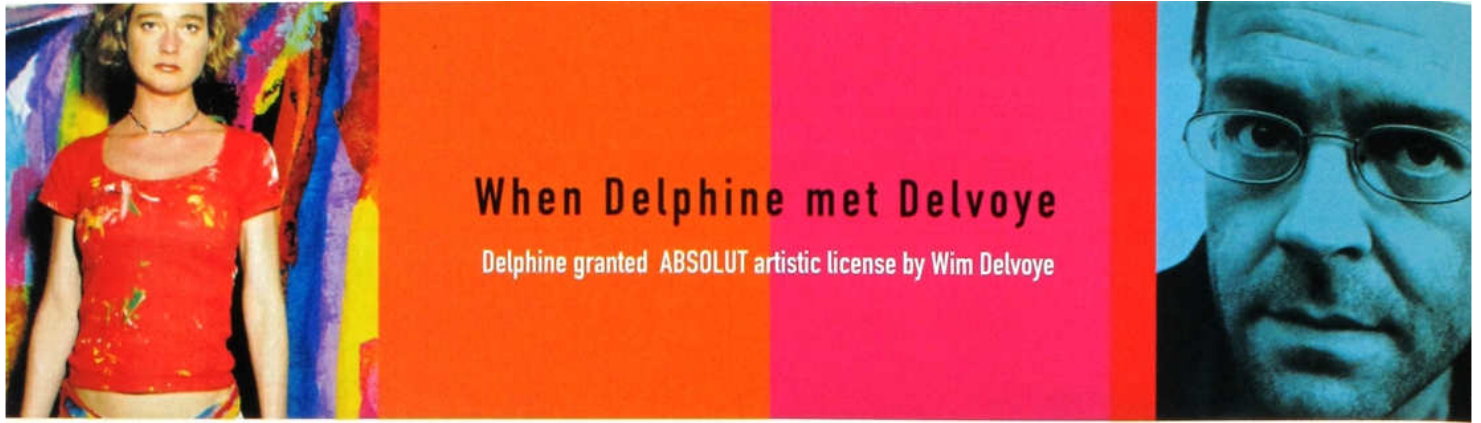
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## When Delphine met Delvoye

Delphine granted ABSOLUT artistic license by Wim Delvoye

### ABSOLUT DELPHINE

Delphine was born in Belgium in 1968. She studied at the Chelsea School of Art in London where she still lives. She works mainly in papier maché which represents for her the greatest creative liberation. She has had many exhibitions in the UK and Belgium.

WD: When did you start making art?

D: Since I was born. I was an only child and my mother was absolutely determined for me not to become a spoilt brat, so I didn't get any presents. Instead, she gave me paper and glue which I used to play with and create my own little world out of.

WD: Is there much difference between what you were doing as a child and what you are doing now?

D: I haven't changed at all since I was a child. I was always too extreme - I was extremely childish, because I wasn't intellectual. When I was a child I would colour all the time and stick things together. Now it has become more professional; my creations have become larger, brighter and more kitsch.

WD: How would you describe your own work?

D: I guess most people see them as papier maché thrones but I see them as chairs. Since I was very young I would go to shops and see this boring and uncomfortable furniture so I decided to make my own. For me, my chairs represent comfort.

WD: Do you spend a lot of time thinking about a new piece of work before you begin?

D: I try not to think too much. People think too much. When I do my pieces of artwork I just go for it. I don't sketch. I think the magic of the pieces comes from being spontaneous.

WD: What is your favourite ABSOLUT artwork?

D: It has to be Ben's who said, 'I drink to forget art.' I'm the opposite - I make art to forget drink.

WD: What was the inspiration behind your ABSOLUT bottle?

D: Well, when ABSOLUT approached me I came up with an idea straight away. I thought the bottle was a little bit like me, it actually needed a comfortable chair. It's a kind of pop-star too. It's famous, it's got style, it's glamorous, so I created this enormous, comfortable chair for this beautiful star.

### FAVOURITE WORK OF ART

#### DELPHINE ON DELVOYE



Mother and Father  
November 14, 1969

#### DELVOYE ON DELPHINE



The Royal Frog in Love  
January 20, 2000

### FAVOURITE ABSOLUT IMAGE



ABSOLUT BEN by Ben, 1999

### FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS

DELPHINE  
Belgium, contact Hyper Space Gallery

WIM DELVOYE  
Lyon (France), Musée d'Art Contemporain,  
November 5, 2002 - February 18, 2003

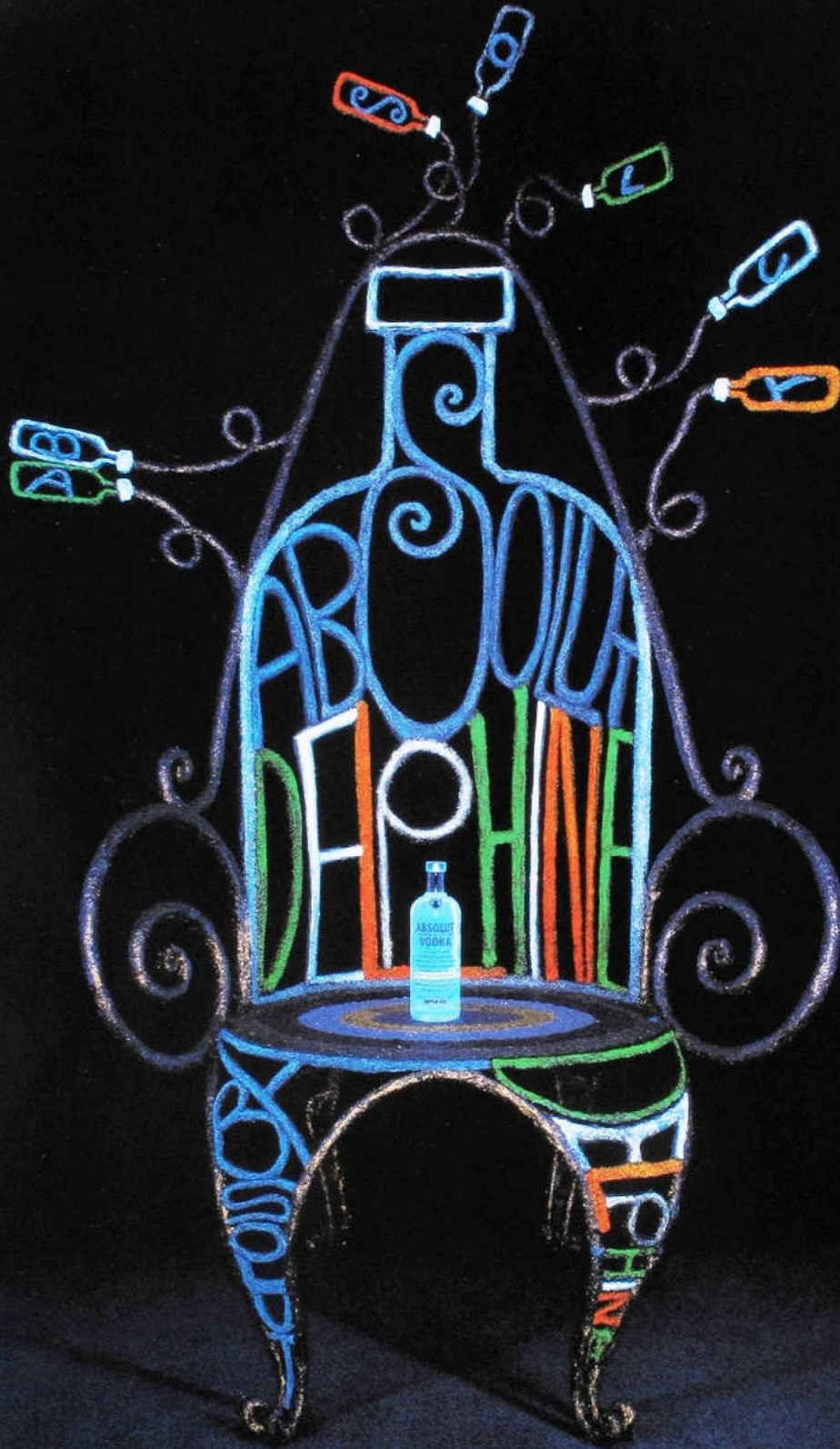
ABSOLUT GENERATIONS  
Venice Biennale, June 13 - September 28, 2003  
See Delphine and Wim create an original four-hand work of art.

**ABSOLUT GENERATIONS.**



Delphine

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