



Grillo Demo

Born in a small village in Argentina, Demo has travelled the world, but since 1978 he has resided in the Balearic idyll of Ibiza. It is there that Demo creates his original art, and most famously his falling jasmine paintings. Demo cultivates the beautiful jasmine flowers in his garden and then depicts them from life. They cascade over images of the Madonna, the Christ child and crucifixes. It is not just on religious iconography that Demo depicts his jasmine flowers - he has used his signature flower on many portraits. Most recently he created a portrait of French Vogue Editor in Chief, Carine Roitfeld, as a gift from fashion photographer Mario Testino.

Demo also employs vintage images in his work, for example a Spanish dancer from the 1940s he found in a Hollywood magazine. Demo never obscures the found image, he delicately adorns it with new levels of beauty, allowing the original to coexist with his creative additions. The effect is both nostalgic in tone and dreamlike. Many of Demo's work are colourful with a sensitive colour palette and all display the artist's great creative freedom.