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**PAINTING POSSIBILITIES:
ROBIN SLONINA'S VISIONARY
IMPACT ON VEGAS ART**



Bodypaint. Robin Slonina & Erika Toolrey at Skin City studios
Models: Ava & Loretta Minett, AKA the DoubleTime Twins
Photo: Jamie Thompson

Whether you're a local or tourist, we always feature our favorite spots along with all the new and exciting things our city has to offer.

This week we feature Robin Slonina and her power to use art to transform individuals and communities alike. Her contributions to the Las Vegas art scene—marked by innovation, inclusivity, and inspiration—reflect a deep-seated belief in the potential of art to enrich lives and shape societies. Through her story, QVegas Magazine celebrates not just an artist but a visionary who paints a brighter future for Las Vegas and beyond.



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TAURUS

April 2024

Honey, strap in because it's time to dive into the fabulous cosmic extravaganza for all you gorgeous Taurus babies out there! This April, the stars have aligned to serve you a cocktail of cosmic fierceness, so you'd better be ready to sashay away with all that universal love and energy, okurr?

First thing's first, darling. Love is knocking on your door louder than a queen's heels on a hardwood stage, so fluff those feathers and bat those lashes because romance is in the air! Venus is throwing all kinds of glitter your way, making you irresistible. But, remember sugar, communication is key. Mercury's in retroshade, which means texts might get twisted. Make sure you keep things crystal clear or you might end up with a little drama that not even a drag brunch can fix.

Now, let's talk coins and career. The universe is about to drop some serious coins into your purse, but it's not just gonna happen. You gotta werk for it, hunty! Put that effort in, show 'em what you're made of, and watch as the financial blessings start rolling in thicker than your favorite highlight. In summary, my fabulous Taurus divas, April is your runway. Slay it with love, werk hard, and keep things clearer than your setting spray. You got this, and remember, in the grand ballroom of life, you're always a star!



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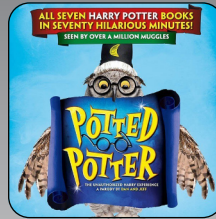
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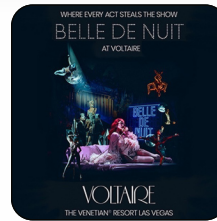
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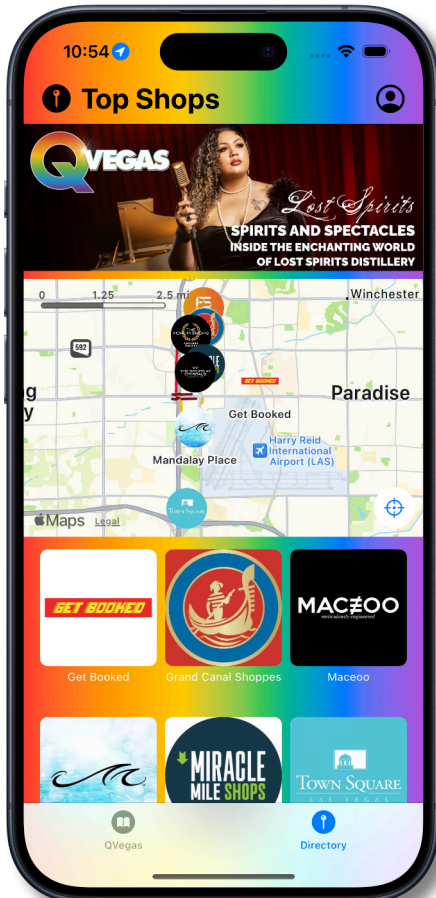
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This election season, the QVegas website will host a comprehensive and insightful webpage dedicated to the 2024 elections for the state of Nevada, offering a treasure trove of information tailored to the LGBTQ+ community.



This page aims to serve as a one-stop destination for voters seeking clarity on the electoral process, key dates, candidate profiles, and important issues at stake within the state. Emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility, it will provide resources on voter registration, polling locations, and methods to vote, ensuring every voice in the community is heard.

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FROM
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SEASON 16



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Model: AlissaBanks, Photo: RichardBrusky



Model: AlissaBanks, Photo: Robin Slonina

Robin Slonina: Sculpting Las Vegas' Art Scene with Vivid Strokes of Innovation and Community



Photo: Shannon Dorn

In an exclusive interview with QVegas Magazine, Robin Slonina, a revered figure in the Las Vegas art scene, unfolds her journey of creativity, community, and transformation. From the streets of Chicago to the vibrant heart of Las Vegas, Robin's tale is not just about painting canvases but weaving the very fabric of an art community that thrives on inclusivity, innovation, and inspiration.

Early Inspirations: The Spark of Creativity

Robin's affair with art began in her childhood, nurtured by a keen sense of observation and a passion that deemed art not just a choice, but a calling. "Art is in your blood, there's no denying it," Robin asserts, reflecting on her early realization that art would be her lifelong pursuit. This imperative drove her into the classrooms of the prestigious School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where a multidisciplinary curriculum broadened her horizon and solidified her belief in the boundless nature of artistic expression.

A Multidisciplinary Journey: From Canvas to Skin

Transitioning to Las Vegas in 2005 marked a pivotal moment in Robin's career. The city, known for its dazzling lights and boundless entertainment, presented a unique canvas for her art. In 2006, Robin founded Skin City, turning the human body into a living, breathing artwork and propelling herself to the forefront of the body painting movement. Her work, which spans from murals in Europe to the dynamic stages of Las Vegas, showcases a versatile talent that thrives on transformation, both of the self and the community.

Skin Wars: Bringing Body Art to the Mainstream

Robin's journey took a televised turn with the creation of Skin Wars, a competition show that brought body art into the living rooms of America. As a creator, producer, and judge, Robin, alongside notable figures like RuPaul and Rebecca Romijn, navigated the complexities of television production to highlight the art form she loves. This venture not only underscored her

commitment to her craft but also elevated body painting to a recognized and celebrated art form.

Art as a Community Endeavor

Beyond her personal achievements, Robin's ethos revolves around community engagement and the democratization of art. Her work with local organizations and initiatives, like First Friday, the upcoming Chalk It Down! festival in the Arts District and her own Second Saturday art parties at Slonina ARTSpace, underscores a vision where art is accessible, interactive, and woven into the fabric of everyday life. Through teaching, mentoring, and her role in the Arts District Board of Directors, Robin advocates for a Las Vegas where art thrives in the streets as much as it does in galleries.

The Future of Art in Las Vegas

Looking ahead, Robin remains committed to expanding the boundaries of what art can be and who it can touch. Her recent collaborations, like becoming the Artist Liaison for Meow Wolf and the establishment of her new gallery Slonina ARTSpace, reflect an ongoing quest to blend creativity with community. These endeavors not only provide platforms for local artists but also offer the public new ways to engage with art—turning observers into participants and spaces into experiences.

Legacy and Advice for Emerging Artists

As for her legacy, Robin hopes to be remembered as a mentor who opened doors and inspired others to pursue their artistic dreams with tenacity and joy. Her advice to emerging artists is straightforward yet profound: never stop learning, and find a healthy live/work balance within the relentless pursuit of creativity. In doing so, she encapsulates the spirit of a community that celebrates success collectively and views art as a vital, shared journey.

About The DoubleTime Twins

Born and raised in New York, Ava & Loretta Minett—the DoubleTime Twins—

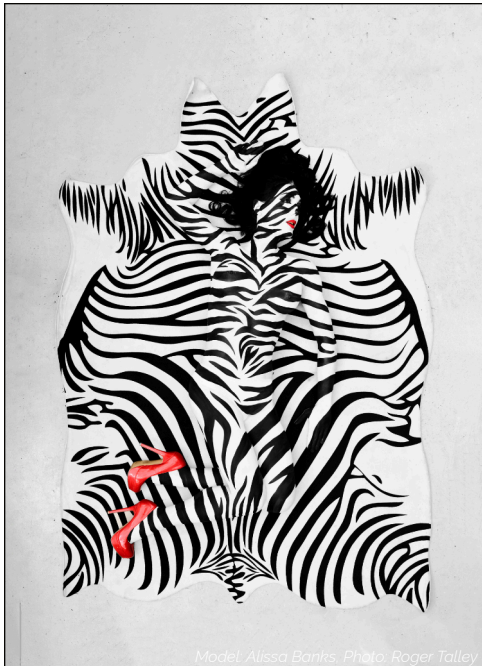
transitioned from budding dancers to renowned fitness and dance instructors in Los Angeles. Since moving to Las Vegas in 2021, they've dazzled audiences at various venues, showcasing their dynamic performances. Every weekend, they light up the stage at Piranha & Gypsy, reflecting their journey from New York's vibrant arts scene to becoming Las Vegas showstoppers, inspiring with their dedication and captivating presence.

About Jamie Thomson

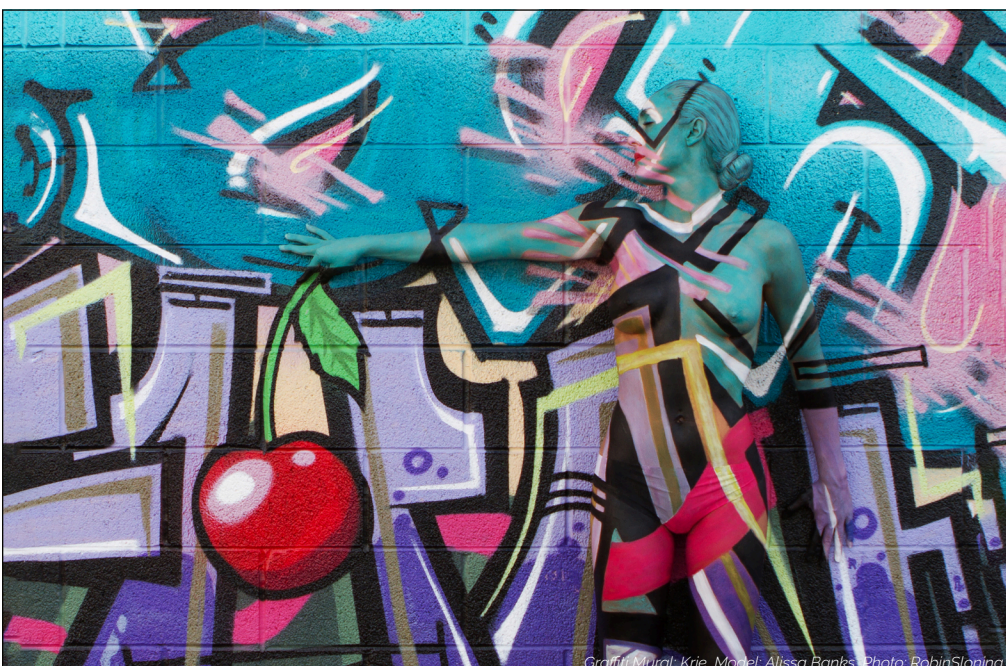
Born and raised in Las Vegas, Jamie Thomson received her art degree with an emphasis in photography from UNLV. For more than a decade she has owned and operated Vegas Photo Studio.

"I created this studio to offer a practical space where artists can bring creative visions to life and compete in the Las Vegas commercial photography industry," said Thomson.

Find out more at RobinSlonina.com and follow her journey @RobinSlonina @SloninaARTSpace and @SkinCity



Model: Alissa Banks, Photo: Roger Talley



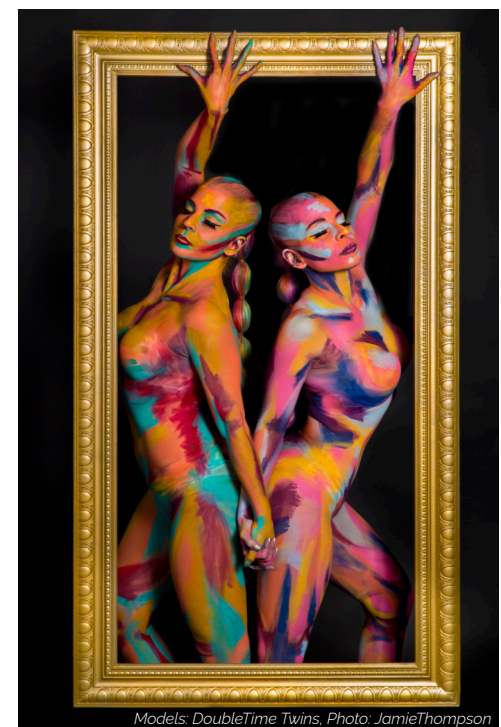
Griffin Mural: Krie, Model: Alissa Banks, Photo: RobinSlonina



Model: Max Torandell, Photo: Guideng



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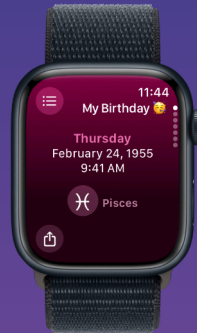
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COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER OF
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LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
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BAR & NIGHTCLUB GUIDE



VENUE OF THE WEEK



QuadZ Video Bar in Las Vegas, operating around the clock, never closing its doors and continuously inviting guests to immerse themselves in its lively ambiance. This venue, nestled in the vibrant Fruit Loop district, distinguishes itself by offering an exhilarating nightlife experience without imposing an entrance fee, thereby welcoming a diverse crowd looking for fun at any hour.

The bar prides itself on delivering an engaging environment fueled by an eclectic mix of music and affordable beverages. A standout feature is the "Trash Can," a unique cocktail that promises to leave a lasting impression on those who give it a try, symbolizing the inventive spirit of QuadZ. The establishment's commitment to providing value is further demonstrated through its daily Happy Hour, running from noon to 8pm, where patrons can enjoy a 50% discount on select drinks. This initiative not only enhances the customer experience but also reinforces the bar's reputation as a place where great deals are always on offer.

Additionally, QuadZ is not just about drinks and music; it also offers a range of activities to keep its guests entertained. Pool enthusiasts will find solace in the billiard tables available for a friendly game or a competitive match. Meanwhile, gamblers can test their luck on some of Las Vegas' loosest video gaming machines, adding an element of thrill to their visit.

The bar's strategic location on Paradise Road makes it a convenient stop for both locals and tourists. Its proximity to various Las Vegas attractions, combined with its non-stop operation, positions QuadZ as a must-visit spot for anyone looking to experience the true essence of Las Vegas nightlife. The establishment's approachability is further emphasized by its open invitation to guests, ensuring that everyone feels welcome, regardless of the time of day or night.

QuadZ Video Bar encapsulates the vibrant spirit of Las Vegas by offering an all-encompassing entertainment experience. From its signature drinks and extensive Happy Hour to the variety of games and the continuous buzz of music, it promises a memorable night out. Its 24/7 schedule caters to night owls and day visitors alike, making it a versatile destination that adapts to the city's dynamic rhythm. Whether you're a local in search of a regular hangout or a traveler eager to dive into the Las Vegas party scene, QuadZ offers an inclusive and electrifying atmosphere that's hard to resist.



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