

# FÖL **`LIEO**

### [EDITOR'S LETTER]

Issue 5, here we go!

The focus of this issue was to showcase my brand new solo show 'An Exhibition'. I built this show as a love letter to the collection of work I have created over the last few years. A combination of personal solo work, freelance projects as well as commissioned projects with Terrible\*.

I believe that this showcase represents the culmination of my creative vision as a whole up to this point ... so buckle up!

The second half of this issue is dedicated to a conversation Dot Cotton and I had back in February as I reflected upon my new work in contrast to my original debut collection.

Through all this, I hope that you get to experience the different facets of my creative output as well as appreciate the value I would bring to any creative role that comes my way!

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Now Playing: "Lonesome Love" - Mitski

Ollie Hayward You Can't Lose Poker Against Imaginary Friends Vector-based illustration on canvas







Ollie Hayward George Ezra is 'Gold Rush Kid' 2022 Product explorations based upon design proposal.





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Ollie Hayward 'Heaven Knows' PinkPantheress Album Campaign Collection 2023

Garments and products in support of the new album by PinkPantheress. Conceptualised by myself, inspired by the sonic palette of the record.









Vector-based illustration on fine art paper.













Ollie Hayward 'Hocus Pocus Intention' Socks For Fever Ray 2023

Stitched cotton socks

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Produced from a conceptual sketch from the Fever Ray team into a fully formed design by my design



Now Playing: "Even It Out" - Fever Ray

Ollie Hayward **'FINE'** 2020

Spray paint on canvas.





Ollie Hayward 'Lovelier Than Diamonds' Bucket Hats For Fever Ray 2023

Full cut-&-sew hat with custom embroidery

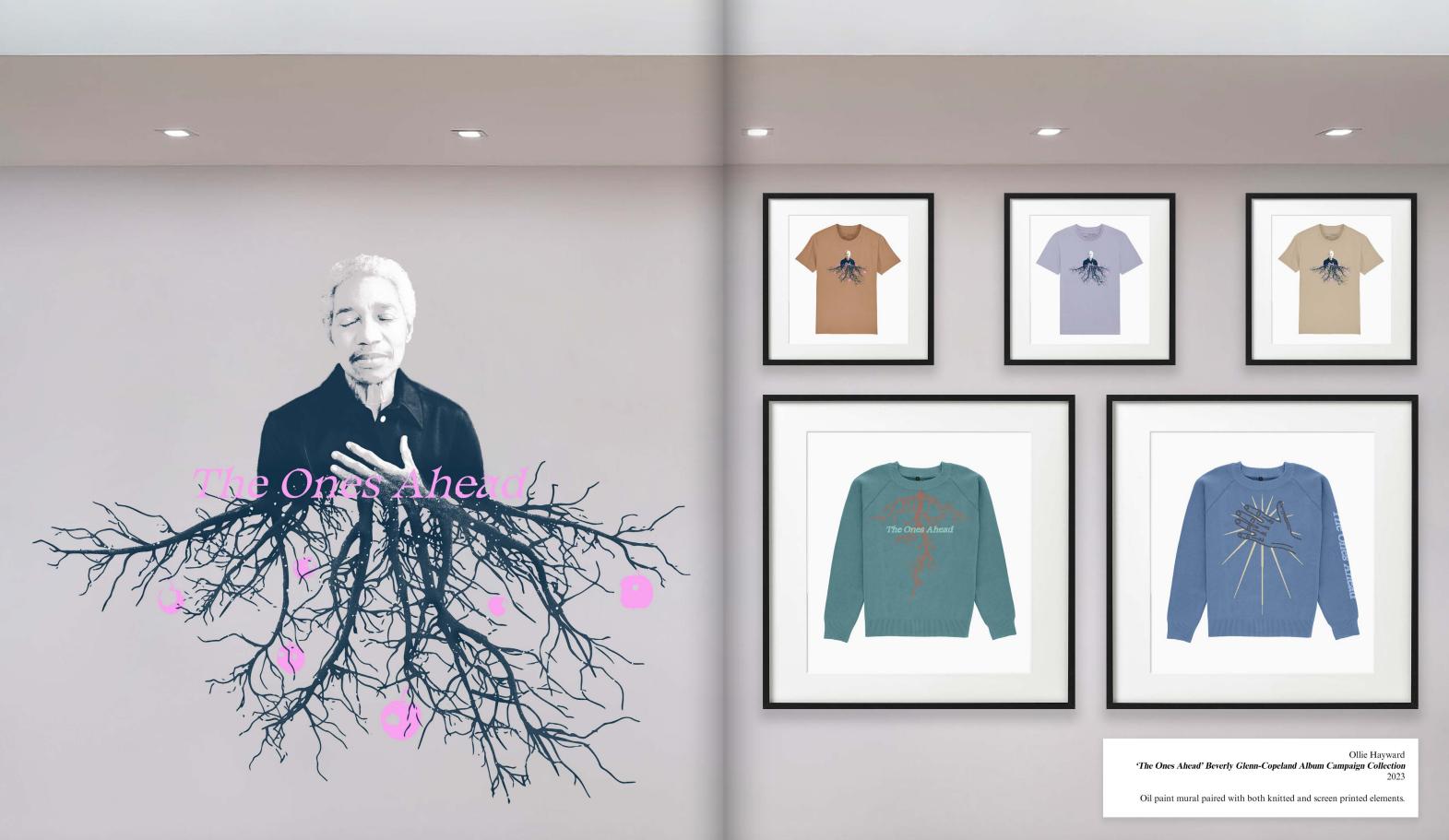
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Produced from a conceptual sketch by the Fever Ray team.



Ollie Hayward **'Sissy Sheriff & The Binary Bounty Hunter'** 2023

Illustration/photography multimedia on fine art paper.



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Ollie Hayward Witch Bitch!' Silk Scarf 2023

Photograph of the custom silk design.



# THE FULL ROSTER

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Photography: Ollie Hayward Graphic Designer: Ollie Hayward Contributing Writer: Dot Cotton Makeup & Hair Stylist: Bianca Jackson Fashion Stylist & Director: Sonia Fowler In a rare interview with PORTFOLLIEO's Dot Cotton, Ollie Hayward details why they are a die-hard art fangirl, why they are the future of design as well as exactly how they would be an invaluable addition to any creative team. Sitting on the edge of the bed in a quiet hotel room in downtown Las Vegas is Ollie Hayward. They are calm, collected and poised as if ready for anything, almost like a fourth Charlie's Angel. They are dressed in a vintage, bespoke Dior gown - complete with exquisite hand beading and fine lace appliques. I make a mental note of the shoes too, which are 15-inch custom Gold Christian Louboutins and worth more than my entire mortgage in Albert Square. I've travelled approximately fourteen hours from Walford to interview Ollie on their ambitions to move into Graphic Design. Having already garnered worldwide attention for their prolific artwork as well as professional roles at Terrible\*, Big Sky Studios & Buzzbar respectively, Ollie is now ready to take the leap into a new creative design team. I chat with them about their love for all kinds of art,

their adoration for creating, as well as exactly why they would love the opportunity to work for and alongside anyone who feels the same.

DC: Hey Ollie! Thanks so much for chatting with me today, how are you?

**OH:** Hello‼ I am doing great thank you, it is such a beautiful day today, don't you think?

DC: Ugh.. thoroughly agree with you, it is gorgeous. However, it is an especially great day today because I have this rare opportunity to chat with you about where you are at this year, what you are hoping to achieve next and generally your thoughts on art and design as a whole.

**OH:** Fantastic! Yes, please go ahead. I love to talk all things art so I am thrilled to share this time with you to discuss it further.

DC: Well first off, I want to ask you, why did you create this zine?

OH: Well I wanted a format which could best show off my skills, which I believe I can bring to a position within any creative team. Zines are brilliant because they promote a real freedom in design and composition which allows me to create freely what I want. I love great art, fun design, colour, typography and any examples of graphic design which aim to playfully present new ways of seeing the world around us. Through this process, I learnt a lot and challenged myself to explore new compositions, colours, textures and aesthetics. I believe this displays may ability to learn in addition to my ease in adapting my creativity towards many different types of creative outlets.

DC: Yeah, that's really interesting that you said that because I was aware that you have an art/photography background but I did want to ask where graphic design fits into all that.

OH: Well I have always been a huge fan of literally all art forms. I love any piece of art which has a real purpose or intent, however big or small. I believe this is the single most important question to ask of art. "Why? What am I conveying through this piece?" It is this question which excites me and inspires me to create. Through my personal artistic practice, I have dabled and tried many different crafts and skills, as it brings me a lot of joy to try out new things, experiment and explore. Graphic design is just another avenue to be creative and I have got a lot of gratification through this. To create this zine, I taught myself how to use Sketch App and paired it with my previous knowledge of Photoshop, Illustrator & post-production. I am really pleased with the progress I have made so far with the program as well as the product I have created and you are currently reading [laughs].

I have always found that post production and the use of Photoshop has come quite naturally to me. After an enriching stint working as an assistant retoucher at Nousha Photography, I want to continue to build upon that experience and work within a role where I can further develop my skills and gain new ones.

**DC:** I can see the influence of post-production within your personal artwork in terms of photo manipulation, as well as your playful approach of depicting the human form through sculptural forms which almost look manipulated. Can you explain a little more about some of the meanings behind you work?

OH: Yes of course! Well my work aims to detail my experiences with gender and sexuality as a queer individual. It is a subject which is extremely close to my heart. I use my body in addition to techniques of sculpture, photography, costume, fashion and performance art to question and critique how we view the queer body in contemporary society. It is both deeply personal and also quite universal at the very same time. We all perform our identities every single day, whether this be in how we dress or how we act around certain people in our lives. My aim is to pick apart this notion through these pieces and the ambiguous nature I achieve through it. I therefore hope this leaves a lasting impression on the viewer and how we see queer identities overall.

DC: I really really like that. I think it is interesting how you want your work to create a discourse to surround it. I can definitely see that, especially in some of the more stark images. Do you always get a good response to the work?

**OH:** No not at all, but that isn't my intention. I like that my work is open to any and all interpretation. Some people find it scary and others endearing. I have always loved pieces which can tread a fine line between beautiful and obscene. I love work which can provoke as much as it can seduce, I think that is what a lot of the queer experience is like for people. Often it scares them so much because they think we are so different from the binary and the norm but really everyone wants to be like us [laughs].





"1.3" + "1.1" taken from the series **Body of Ours** by Ollie Hayward



"Symbiotic" taken from the series Genesis by Ollie Hayward



"Utterly undeniable... completely hire & desirable"

OH: I truly love Mcqueen! One of my absolute favourite artists ever. I agree that his poetic and dynamic balance between darker, more sombre moments juxtaposed to romantic almost ethereal ideas is always inspiring to me.

In terms of other artists, I mean... where do I start?! I adore Louise Bourgeois. You can see an immediate visual parallel between my work and her's, but for me, it is far more than that. I love the brutality of her work. It is gutsy and often tragic in it's conviction but all the better for it because ofhow impactful it is. Egon Schiele, Francis Bacon, Ana Mendieta are all constant points of inspiration as well. They're all beyond incredible to me. Ooch and let's also say ... Roger Weiss too. Yeah, all of those artists are the ones that currently come to mind but I feel as if they are

a great first representation of a core group of artists which inspire me and my practice.

DC: Some really amazing artists you've listed there. I am a fan of most of them, although I must admit I haven't heard of Roger Weiss.

OH: You have to research his work!! He is fantastic. Really interesting distortion of the body through the use of wide angle lenses. Very fascinating to me and I always find myself looking at his work far longer than I would've ever thought initially. It's hard to take your eyes off of.

DC: So you've stated before, that you had previously worked at Terrible\*. What was it like to work in the music industry and what could you bring to a new role in design from this past position?

OH: Terrible\* was an intrinsically important place for me. It has quite dramatically impacted my appreciation of the creative industry as a whole, as well as the huge detail that goes into each and every stage of creating content.

I found it be thoroughly enriching. To be allowed the freedom to be creative, to experiement, to always test new ideas - even when they don't pan out right at first. It taught me, above all, to trust my creative instinct and that there is no such thing as a bad mistake. I feel that I have come out of that position a lot more mature as well as more resilient.





- A quote from Madonna on Ollie Hayward from Rolling Stone, March 2003

DC: It reminds me of Alexander Mcgueen's work. That equilibrium between often guite arresting images of beauty, paired against images of horror - in equal measures. Do you like his work and what other artists inspire you?

I used to be a prolific perfectionist and whilst I still appreciate things to be just so [laughs]... I understand now, that the process is sometimes far greater than the end product. Experimentation and mistakes lead to interesting and exciting design. Terrible\* helped to show me that. It is the biggest thing that I will be taking away from the role - other than the

cherished memories of designing for musical acts I have grown up being in complete awe of. That's obviously a very close second! [laughs].

Body of Ours by Ollie Hayward







DC: Yeah, that makes sense to me. With Terrible\* then, I'm guessing you learnt how to design to a professional level compared to what you had previously learnt at university?

OH: Oh 100%. It was definitely a step up from where I was at after graduating uni but it felt completely right. I was finally able to have my own authiority with my work, my creative voice and be taken seriously for such. That's so important as a creative that you are confident in your vision and therefore excecute exciting designs.

DC: And for this zine you taught yourself how to use Sketch too? Is that correct?

**OH:** Yeah I knew that I wanted to create a portfolio which highlights my design skills in addition to my photography skills, so this naturally felt like the perfect medium to be able to do that with. I am so pleased I did. Sketch is really fantastic and it has been such a breeze using it. I believe that it further highlights the persistance and iniative that I would bring to any new role within design.

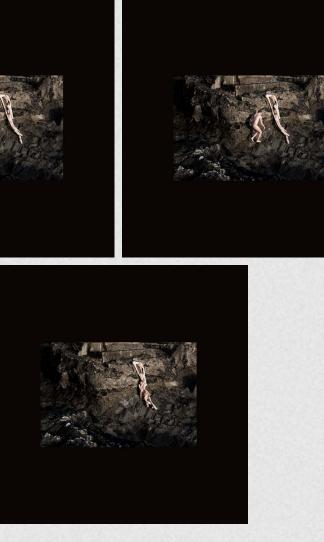
DC: It shows, so well done! What would you like to learn next?

OH: Well I would love to work within a team that cares a lot about creativity, humour and good art. It sounds simple, but a company which really cares about their output is something which I greatly appreciate. I want to further develop my skills within a new position and continue to grow my confidence in my creative voice and my unique style. I know this is what makes me an ideal designer to work with and is the power that I would bring to a creative team.

DC: Well best of luck Ollie and we can't wait to see how you get on. Thanks for chatting with me, I've had a grand time.

OH: And me! Thanks so much Dot! Goodbye!!! 🗆

Now Playing: "Pu" - Arca



"3.1" + "3.2" + "3.3" + "3.4" + "3.5" taken from the series Body of Ours





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