




A CELEBRATION OF LONDON

with photographer and
author

Mimi Mollica

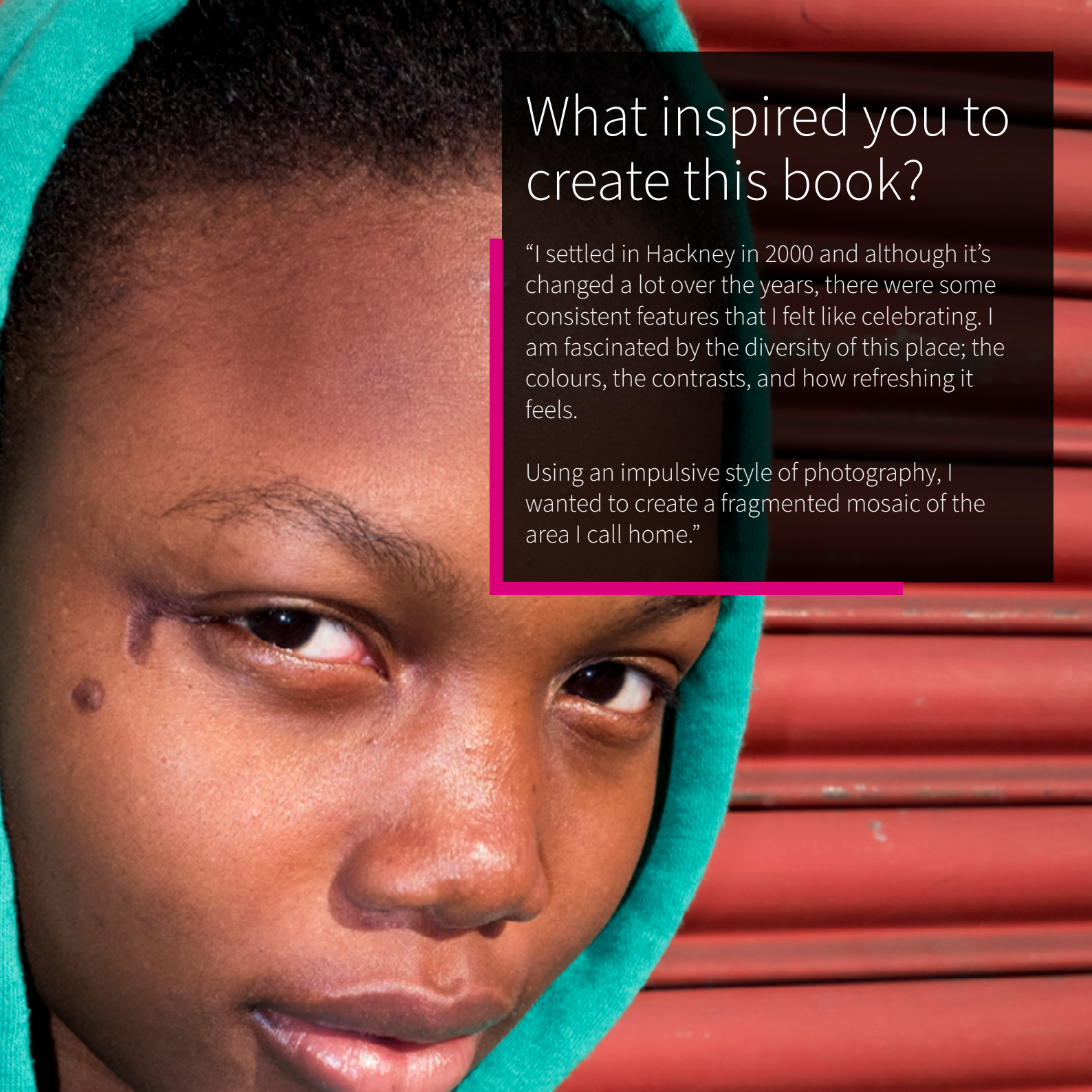


Mimi Mollica is a London-based photographer and author of *East London Up Close*, a photo book documenting the vibrancy of London's east end and the communities that inhabit it. He is also the founder of **Photo Meet** - an organisation that matches photographers with top industry representatives.

We spoke to him about his work, his love of London and how the pandemic helped him to reflect and inspired more collaboration.

What's your story?

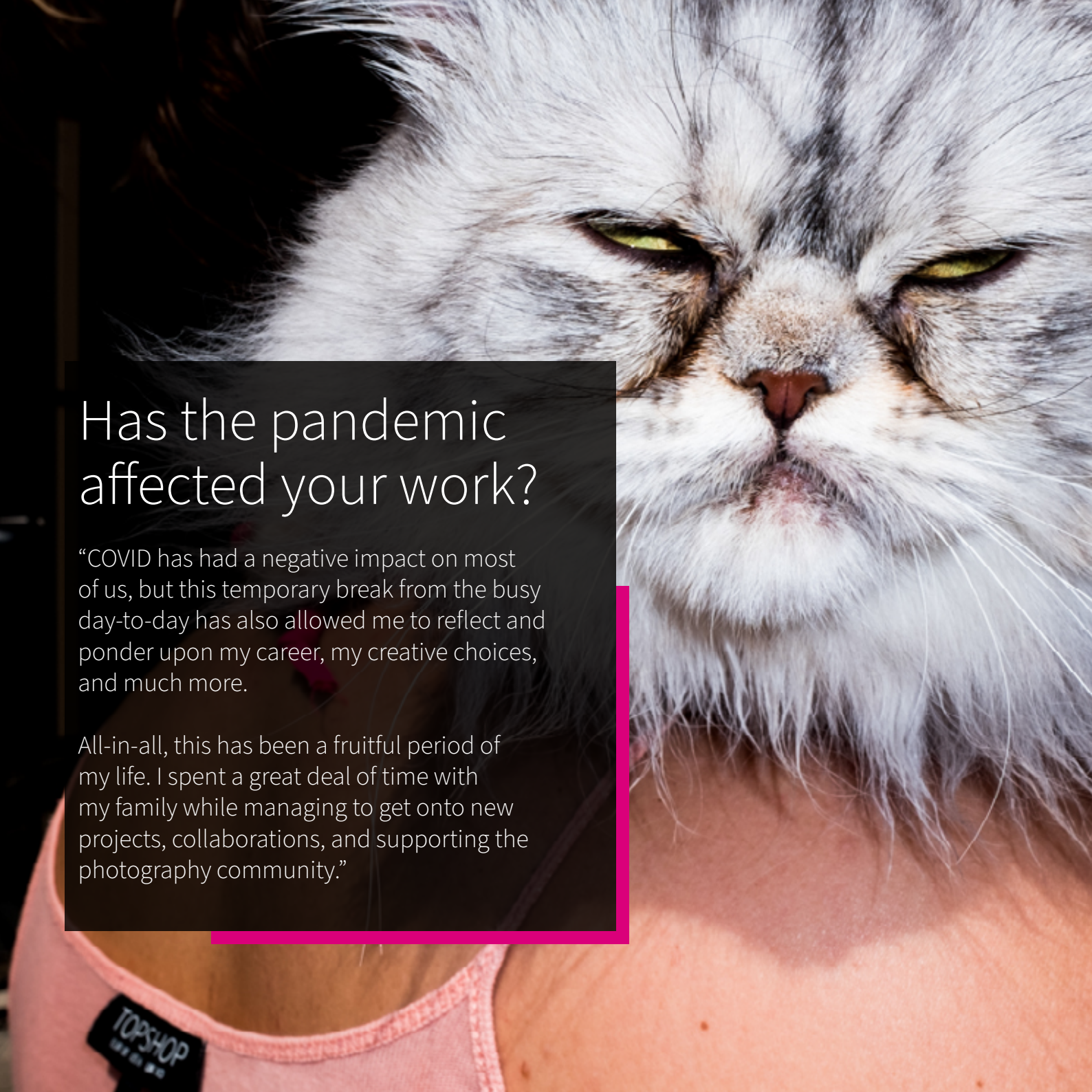
"I moved to London from Sicily in 1996 when I was 20 years old. I wanted to explore the world, get to know new people and new cultures, and transform my passion for photography into a professional career. So far my plans have worked out!"



What inspired you to create this book?

“I settled in Hackney in 2000 and although it’s changed a lot over the years, there were some consistent features that I felt like celebrating. I am fascinated by the diversity of this place; the colours, the contrasts, and how refreshing it feels.

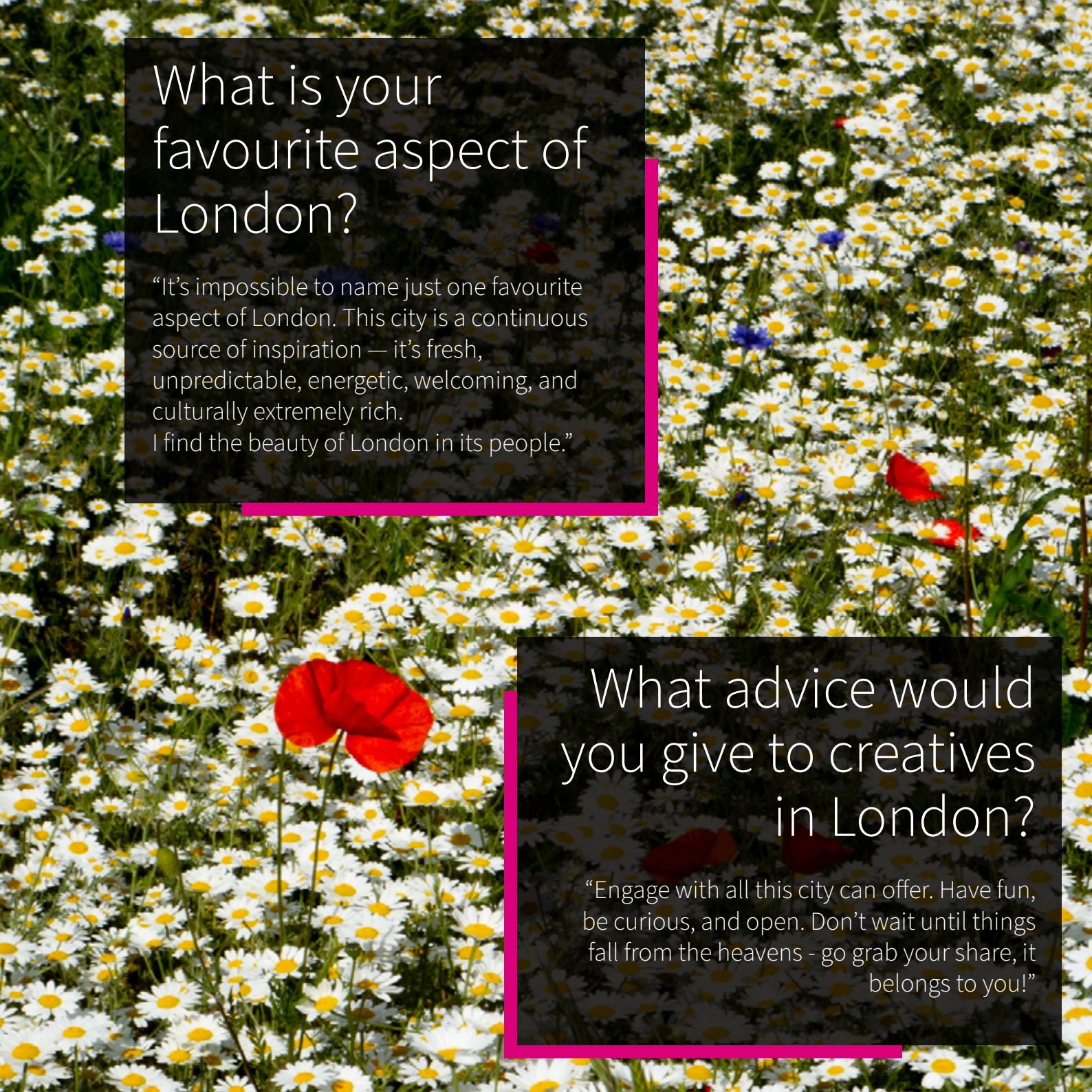
Using an impulsive style of photography, I wanted to create a fragmented mosaic of the area I call home.”



Has the pandemic affected your work?

“COVID has had a negative impact on most of us, but this temporary break from the busy day-to-day has also allowed me to reflect and ponder upon my career, my creative choices, and much more.

All-in-all, this has been a fruitful period of my life. I spent a great deal of time with my family while managing to get onto new projects, collaborations, and supporting the photography community.”

A vibrant field of white daisies with yellow centers, interspersed with a few bright red poppies. The flowers are in full bloom, and the background is a soft-focus field of more daisies. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, with a mix of white, yellow, and red colors against a green background.

What is your favourite aspect of London?

“It’s impossible to name just one favourite aspect of London. This city is a continuous source of inspiration — it’s fresh, unpredictable, energetic, welcoming, and culturally extremely rich. I find the beauty of London in its people.”

What advice would you give to creatives in London?

“Engage with all this city can offer. Have fun, be curious, and open. Don’t wait until things fall from the heavens - go grab your share, it belongs to you!”



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