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ARTWORK

FLYING COLOURS

ART BY NICHOLAS KONTAXIS

MIND OVER MATTER

While his work is undeniably arresting, Kontaxis' story is just as compelling.

The self-taught artist was born with a brain tumour that resulted in him suffering daily seizures. This made finding an entry-level job challenging so he filled his time producing the kind of large-scale acrylics that have now made him famous.

He's been commissioned by the likes of Adidas and Coachella, and amassed high-profile fans including Roger Federer and Eric Schmidt, but the ability to harness his unique talent to overcome obstacles is the true measure of Kontaxis' success.

MAKING AN ENTRANCE

Contemporary abstract artist Nicholas Kontaxis burst onto London's art scene last month with his first ever UK show making a colourful statement at 35 Baker Street.

The 23-year old American's big, bold pieces – including 'Get Out of Town', pictured here – are a beautiful exercise in free expression, drawing the eye but also the mind to seek the many layers of meaning within.

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