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40 For 40: Women In Art

The visionaries and artists reframing the future of the art world

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The art world is undergoing huge shifts, but how will these changes affect creativity? Here, continuing our 40th anniversary celebrations and our promise to spotlight the cohort who will define the next four decades, ELLE shines a light on the industry's visionaries.

These women and non-binary creatives prove the power of art as a means of self-expression, community-building, as well as resistance and leadership. And where they haven't seen themselves represented, they've forged new paths and created meaningful work for a different kind of future.

Suzannah Pettigrew /Niclas Warius

Jasleen Kaur

A recent winner of the Turner Prize, 'Jasleen is an incredible artist, and truly one who is not afraid to challenge the status quo, using the huge platform she had in that moment to shine a light where it was and is still most needed,' says Marie McPartlin, director of Somerset House Studios. Fellow judge Devyani Saltzman adds that she is 'a leading figure because of her exploration of cultural memory and political belonging, drawing on the experiences of ordinary people, including South Asian women'.

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