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FROM LEFT Alexander Yulish wearing an Etro safari jacket, \$1,547, etro.com; and a Weekend T-shirt, \$75, weekendlabel.com. *The Juggler*, 2012. *The Runner*, 2012.



There are so many colors to paint with, but sometimes, it feels like there still aren't enough," says Los Feliz-based artist **Alexander Yulish**, who is able to expertly integrate an entire color wheel into a single work. Before moving to California 12 years ago, the N.Y. native spent his childhood learning techniques from his mother, fine-artist Barbara Pearlman. Maybe it's genetic: "If I didn't sell any paintings, I'd still have to paint," he says. "Some people are good with words. I'm not, so I paint to get it all out." The 37-year-old can complete a painting in 24 hours, or it can take weeks: "I'm finished when the conversation in the painting

is resolved for me." As for his favorite topics, Yulish's recent show at Gallery Brown in L.A., "Interior Stories," revealed a range of everyday scenes (*Walking the Dog*, *Running Home*, *Eating a Banana in the Sun*) in distorted, raw and energetic interpretations. A grotesque self-portrait with one oversized ear hung next to *Standing Still*, an ironic frenzy of color that could roll off the frame. With pieces already being snapped up by art world heavy hitters—the Annenbergs, for example—Yulish will continue his ascent as part of an upcoming group show at the James Gray Gallery at Santa Monica's Bergamot Station. alexanderyulishart.com.

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C ONE ON ONE GETTING TO KNOW BAR PALY



Russian-born Israeli actress and model Bar Paly moved to West Hollywood six years ago via Milan and has been busy working on the silver screen ever since. Recent projects include Roman Coppola's *Inside the Mind of Charles Swan*, April's *Pain & Gain* with Mark Wahlberg, and a role alongside Liam Neeson in this summer's *Non-Stop*. **WHEN DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME AN ACTRESS?** When I was little. I was an only child, so I guess needed a lot of attention! **WHAT WAS IT LIKE FILMING PAIN & GAIN IN MIAMI WITH MARK WAHLBERG?** We couldn't keep straight faces. He would start laughing, which would make me start laughing. It was a good icebreaker. **DREAM ROLE?** My true passion is comedy. Goldie Hawn is my idol. **WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A GUY?** I really like funny. If a guy can make a me laugh, 90% of the work is done. **BEST DATE PLACE IN L.A.?** Santa Monica Pier. You can go on the Ferris wheel and eat cotton candy. It's pretty romantic.

"The name Bar has two Hebrew meanings. One is a son or a boy, but the other is something wild and undomesticated," says Paly.



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