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## Jackson's deceptive visions



Beehive check: Alison Jackson's lookalike pictures of singer Amy Winehouse

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**A**furious Sir Paul McCartney threatens his former wife Heather with her prosthetic leg.

Elsewhere a prison warder finds some suspicious substances in Amy Winehouse's beehive. But this is the world of the artist Alison Jackson – and therefore all is not as it seems.

The pictures are the latest examples of paparazzi-style photographs created using celebrity lookalikes. They go on show tomorrow in Jackson's first solo exhibition in Britain since 2003.

Jackson said she hoped visitors to the exhibition would take a second look at work, which she intends to be a serious exploration of the world of fame.

"People seem to have seen a lot of my images but they haven't seen them in a gallery or museum in recent years and that's very important for me because I want people to look beyond the instant read," she said.

"The way the general public reads images is very sophisticated and has to be very fast but sometimes you get seduced into believing things are totally true when they are far from the truth." To reinforce the point, she is adding some real-life famous names to the roll-call in the new exhibition – but won't say which shots are real.

"I'm mixing the real with the fake because I love the fact you don't know what you're looking at," she said.

Famous people featured range from President Bush and the Queen to firm Jackson favourites David Beckham, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

*Alison Jackson: Seeing Is Deceiving* runs at Hamiltons Gallery in W1 until 17 May