

Donald Trump takes Times Square by storm with topless and bikini-clad babes. Kind of... Photographer Alison Jackson sets up hilarious spoof campaign rally in the middle of New York City

- The British artist told Daily Mail Online that the key to impersonating the Republican presidential candidate is his foundation shade and unruly quiff
- Alison sent a lookalike, a 66-year-old man from Chicago, onto the streets of New York with a group of female protesters in a white Bentley
- She said she spent months trying to find a willing lookalike and perfecting his hair and make-up
- Alison said he is the 'biggest celebrity' in the world, but claimed it would be a 'catastrophe' if he became president

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'Donald Trump' took Times Square by storm this afternoon along with a group of scantily-dressed women as part of a project by spoof photographer Alison Jackson.

The British artist, known for her candid photographs of celebrity lookalikes, said she spent 'months' searching for the perfect lookalike to portray the Republican presidential candidate.

She told Daily Mail Online that recreating the 70-year-old's look has been 'a nightmare' after auditioning 300 people and going through 20 hairstylists.



Statement: Artist Alison Jackson set up a spoof campaign rally in the middle of New York City on Tuesday featuring a Donald Trump lookalike and bikini-clad female protesters



Signature style: The British photographer said the key to impersonating the Republican presidential candidate, pictured played by lookalike, is his foundation shade and unruly quiff



Performance art: Alison sent a 66-year-old man from Chicago, pictured, onto the streets of New York in a white Bentley

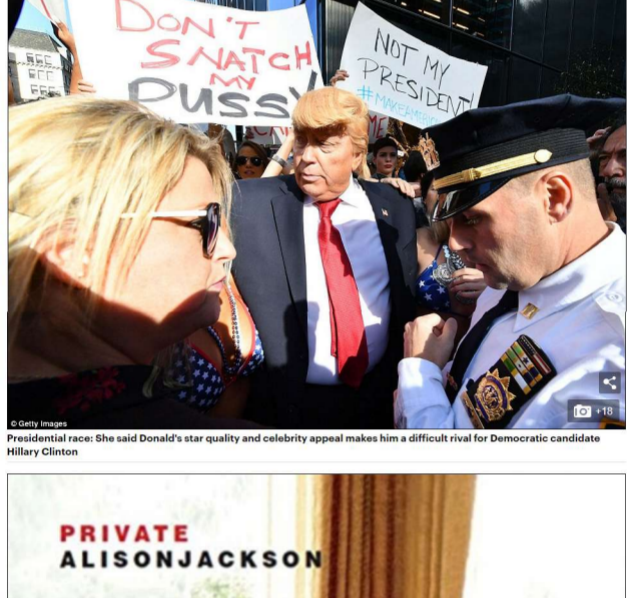
After months of searching, she finally found the ideal candidate for the job who she said impressed her with his head shape, attitude and jaw.

She said: 'The secret is the color and this flicking flick quiff. I mean really, what the hell is it? What is that?'

'It takes Donald Trump two minutes to do that in the morning, it's taken me two months and tears.'

Alison sent her Donald lookalike to Trump Tower, Times Square and the New York Stock Exchange in a white Bentley.

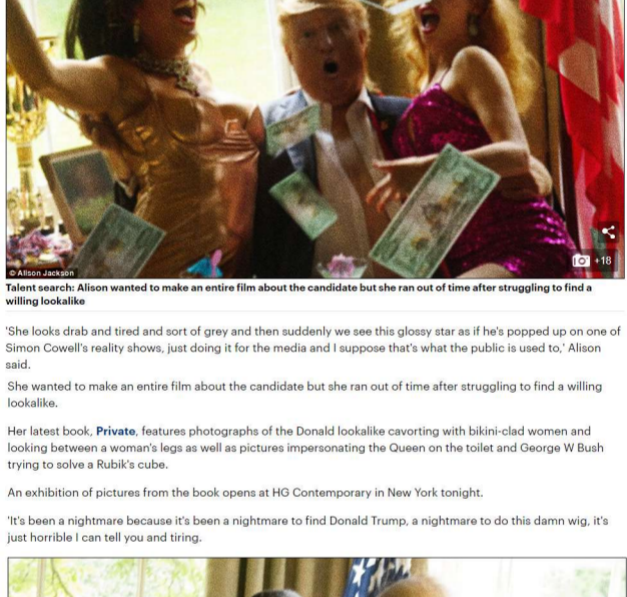
He was accompanied by 12 women holding placards emblazoned with slogans including 'grab my p\$\$y', 'grab America by the p***y' and 'so nasty...' making reference to comments he has made about women.



Time-consuming: She said she spent months trying to find a willing lookalike and perfecting his hair and make-up



Famous: Alison said he is the 'biggest celebrity' in the world, but claimed it would be a 'catastrophe' if he became president



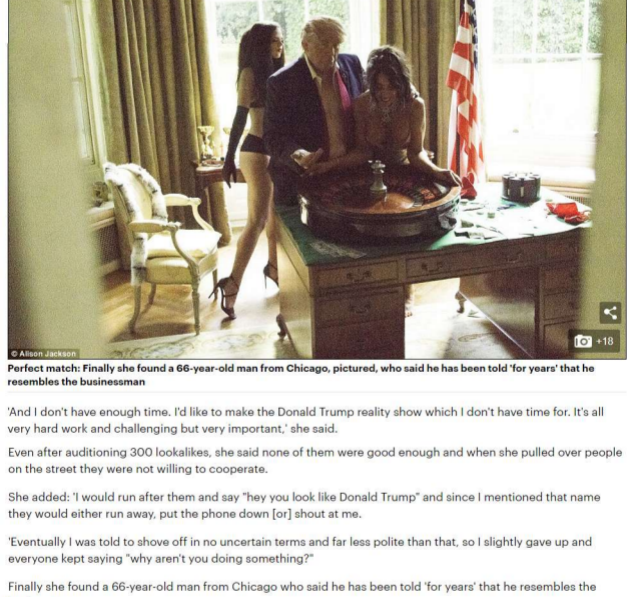
Fits the bill: After months of searching, she finally found the ideal candidate for the job, pictured, who she said impressed her with his head shape, attitude and jaw

Alison said: 'It's a performance with some girls, really who have something to say to Donald Trump because obviously Donald Trump has said a lot of bad things about girls, it's an opportunity for them to say something back.'

'They're all women who feel strongly about what's happened with the audiotapes, the way Donald Trump's been talking about women the past few months - pigs, s*** and whatever it is, dogs - and I think it would be a catastrophe if he was president, for them, I'm not American, on that basis, it's like going backwards in time.'

Alison said she is both fascinated and outraged by the Republican and his fame - claiming he is currently the 'biggest celebrity' in the world.

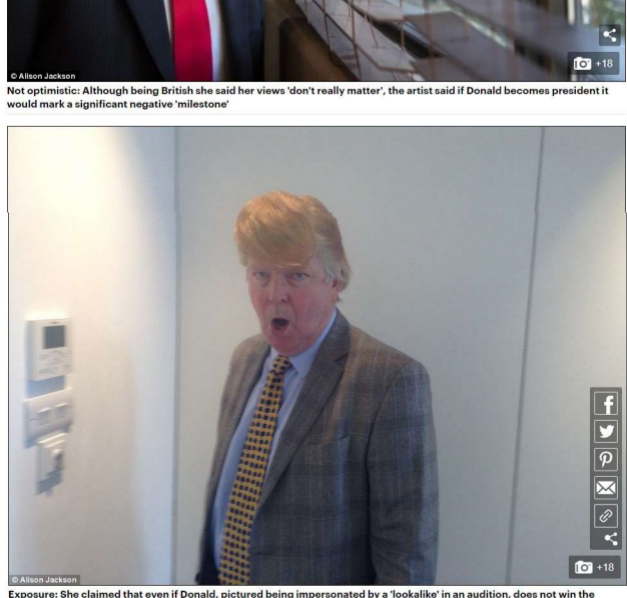
She said his star quality and celebrity appeal make him a difficult rival for Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. 'He's already got his little pop-up, fold-up, flat-pack podium with lights, there he is all glossed up and orange in seconds and Hillary Clinton hasn't been able to keep up.'



Presidential race: She said Donald's star quality and celebrity appeal makes him a difficult rival for Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton



Controversial: Alison's latest book, Private, features spoof photographs of the Donald lookalike, pictured



Talent search: Alison wanted to make an entire film about the candidate but she ran out of time after struggling to find a willing lookalike

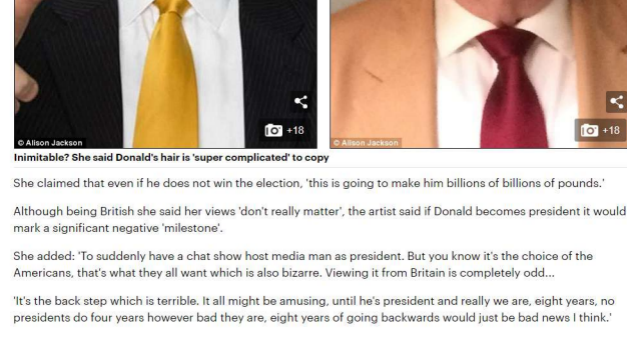
'She looks drab and tired and sort of grey and then suddenly we see this glossy star as if he's popped up on one of Simon Cowell's reality shows, just doing it for the media and I suppose that's what the public is used to,' Alison said.

She wanted to make an entire film about the candidate but she ran out of time after struggling to find a willing lookalike.

Her latest book, Private, features photographs of the Donald lookalike cavorting with bikini-clad women and looking between a woman's legs as well as pictures impersonating the Queen on the toilet and George W Bush trying to solve a Rubik's cube.

An exhibition of pictures from the book opens at HG Contemporary in New York tonight.

'It's been a nightmare because it's been a nightmare to find Donald Trump, a nightmare to do this damn wig, it's just horrible I can tell you and tiring.'



High standards: Even after auditioning 300 Donald Trump lookalikes, Alison said none of them were good enough

Not interested: When she pulled over potential lookalikes on the street they were not willing to cooperate

Perfect match: Finally she found a 66-year-old man from Chicago, pictured, who said he has been told 'for years' that he resembles the businessman

'And I don't have enough time, I'd like to make the Donald Trump reality show which I don't have time for. It's all very hard work and challenging but very important,' she said.

Even after auditioning 300 lookalikes, she said none of them were good enough and when she pulled over people on the street they were not willing to cooperate.

She added: 'I would run after them and say "hey you look like Donald Trump" and since I mentioned that name they would either run away, put the phone down [or] shout at me.'

'Eventually I was told to shove off in no uncertain terms and far less polite than that, so I reluctantly gave up and everyone kept saying "why aren't you doing something?"'

Finally she found a 66-year-old man from Chicago who said he has been told 'for years' that he resembles the businessman.

Challenge: But finding the right wig, pictured on 'Donald', still proved to be a problem

Not optimistic: Although being British she said her views 'don't really matter', the artist said if Donald becomes president it would mark a significant negative 'milestone'

Exposure: She claimed that even if Donald, pictured being impersonated by a 'lookalike' in an audition, does not win the election, 'this is going to make him billions of billions of pounds'

After Donald announced his candidacy, the musician and entertainer decided to make a demo to capitalize on his resemblance.

But even after finding the right person, perfecting the wig still proved to be a time-consuming problem for Alison.

She said: 'We've done extensive wig making back in London here...I've been through about 20 hairstylists who have been unable to do the weave.'

'It's super complicated isn't it, it's just the weirdest thing...It goes from the side to the back.'

Alison said Trump is so famous that he has 'surpassed Charlie Sheen and Kim Kardashian'.

Celebrity status: Alison said Trump, pictured being impersonated in an audition, is so famous that he has 'surpassed Charlie Sheen and Kim Kardashian'

Inimitable? She said Donald's hair is 'super complicated' to copy

She claimed that even if he does not win the election, 'this is going to make him billions of billions of pounds.'

Although being British she said her views 'don't really matter', the artist said if Donald becomes president it would mark a significant negative 'milestone'.

She added: 'To suddenly have a chat show host media man as president. But you know it's the choice of the Americans, that's what they all want which is also bizarre. Viewing it from Britain is completely odd...'

'It's the back step which is terrible. It all might be amusing, until he's president and really we are, eight years, no presidents do four years however bad they are, eight years of going backwards would just be bad news I think.'