



VIDEO

The kitchen sink opera

The photographer Alison Jackson is playing a new tune — an opera, starring Gordon Ramsay, the Queen, Nigella and Saatchi. Don Boyd, her producer, describes the explosions behind the scenes

Don Boyd

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Exterior. The Grand Canal, Venice. Lunchtime. A luxurious gondola. A dark-haired, buxom woman with thick, painted lips and expensive sunglasses is energetically licking her way around a cone crammed with vanilla ice cream. A corpulent man 25 years her senior, in a Visconti-style white lounge suit, cigarette in hand, is watching her as the gondolier sings O Sole Mio. We might call them Nigella and Charles.

Cut to: interior. The dissection room, Summerhall, Edinburgh. Afternoon. Reality.