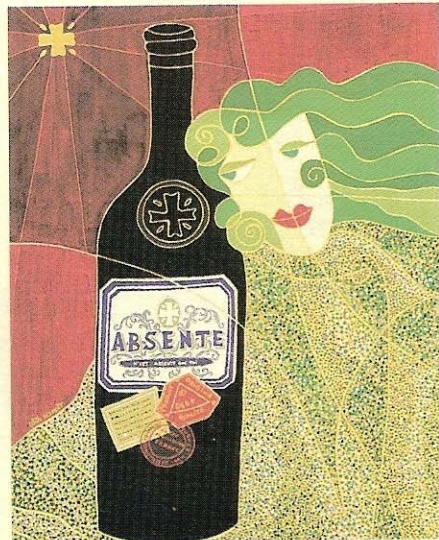


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"The Green Fairy" by Alain Despert

Alain Despert Commissioned by Absente for Advertisement

DALLAS—Artist Alain Despert has been commissioned by Absolut Vodka marketer Michel Roux, chairman and c.e.o. of Crillon Importers Ltd., to create a painting for Roux's latest endeavor Absente.

Despert's full-page image of "The Green Fairy" is scheduled to begin appearing this month in national and international magazines for the new Absente advertising campaign. Absente is a green spirit distilled in the tradition of Absinthe, a drink long associated with artists of the late 19th century Paris cafe society. **ABN**