



Niki de Saint Phalle by the Sea

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- Exploring the happy female figures of French sculptor Niki de Saint Phalle

The Nanas created by French sculptor Niki de Saint Phalle (1930-2002) are world famous. These colourful, exuberantly happy female figures who go through life dancing, leaping and buzzing with energy have become an iconic image of woman. With controversial pieces like her 'shooting pictures', Niki de Saint Phalle also played a leading role in the European 'Nouveaux Réalisme' movement, and her monumental sculptures adorn public spaces in many towns and cities. Her rotund Nanas with their self-confident, independent attitude remain as relevant today as they were when they were first created.

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