

Graffiti artist strikes gold with Spacey

▣ Kevin Spacey is doing his utmost to keep our capital's bustling cultural scene in full swing.

Last week, The Old Vic theatre, where Spacey, left, resides as artistic director, enjoyed some much-needed praise for its new production of Pedro Almodovar's *All About My Mother*.

Between curtain calls, the Hollywood star found time to view graffiti artist Goldie's exhibition, *Love Over Gold*, in Shoreditch, east London.

Clearly impressed, Spacey snapped up two of the former music star's pieces.

"I'm liking it," Spacey told me. "He is turning the idea of tradition, taste and respectability on its head, which is what all art should do - be provocative."

Goldie should take his new fan's patronage as quite the compliment. Spacey has a keen eye for art and has built an impressive personal collection. "I'm a big fan of art galleries," he added.

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