



Gallery 91

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Renowned Somerset West art and framing specialist Gallery 91 takes on an enticing dollop of French flair this summer. The

Gallery 91 Summer Season kicks off with a not-to-be-missed exhibition by French artist Jacques Ridereau.

"We are very excited about these coming weeks," said Gallery 91 founder and owner Terry Taljaard. "We're also thrilled to be in a position to showcase fresh and outstanding international art in our area."

It was through her friendship with the Stellenbosch president of Alliance Française language school that the "French affair" at Gallery 91 was realised. "Ridereau's daughter, who has settled in the Cape, made contact with me through our mutual friend to request we host her father's first exhibition in South Africa," said Terry. "Having accepted, I'm hopeful that this might be the start of a regular art exchange between South Africa and France."

Born in 1951, in the Normandy town of Vimoutiers, Jacques Ridereau first qualified



as an architect and later became involved in furniture design, presenting drawing lessons to budding artists. In 1990, he moved closer to Paris to paint full-time, initially concentrating on water colours and later moving into oils. His work reflects his fascination with the wild landscapes of Corsica and Ile de France where his work took in its coastlines and fishing communities. Well-known in his home country, his reputation for producing magnificent light-filled works has spilled onto African shores thanks to his visits to South Africa where he paints and exhibits.

The work is on display at Gallery 91 includes scenes from Europe, but also paintings Ridereau did of Namaqualand and Cape Town harbours.

Accompanying the Ridereau exhibition is a special France-inspired Christmas window display undertaken by Colette Nel, who confesses a passion for "all things French". In her hunt for beautiful décor items, to make available to other Francophiles, Colette shares her travels to the French countryside in a blog called La Brocanteuse. "I love the hunt for antique monogrammed linen, hemp and lace, religious iconography and vintage postcards," she says.

Early in the new year, Ridereau's works will move to Bilton Wine Estate, off the R44 between Somerset West and Stellenbosch, where they will be exhibited before returning to Gallery 91.

GALLERY 91 DAZZLES WITH A FRENCH SUMMER SEASON



A family fun day to welcome the collection on the farm is being planned by local French community associations. Activities planned for the day include vineyard walks, picnics, entertainment for children and a competition of boules, the traditional French bowling game. Details of the event are still being finalised and will be advertised at Gallery 91 as well as in the local press.

Gallery 91, which incorporates Frames & Things, is situated at 91 Andries Pretorius Street in Somerset West. A long-time favourite among lovers of beautiful things, the framing and art dealership was established in 1986. Today, the gallery has grown to become one of the region's leading enterprises recognised both for its sense of style and assortment of fine art.

It stocks the work of artists, designers and skilled crafters – famous and obscure; an eclectic collection that is exciting and vibrant, and available exclusively from the store. It is an official stockist of Carrol Boyes Functional Art and is well-known as a picture framer of distinction.

The exhibition and display can be viewed during Gallery 91's business hours: Monday to Friday 8am-5pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. After-hours visits can be arranged by contacting Terry directly on 084 441 7233.

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