

ART EXHIBITION

- “ZEBRA IN RED HEELS COMES TO DAR!”

This month Dar es Salaam is playing host to an extraordinary Painter, Photographer, Sculptor, Polo Player, Model & Designer from Nairobi. Of all her talents it will be **Dominique Thoenes** fabulous paintings that she will be sharing with us in Dar es Salaam this month.



Her paintings consist of mainly colourful caricatures of animals, playful and quirky – Dominique describes her painting style as “Grown-Up Childs paintings” – “A child does what they want in life, a grown up learns to do what should be done”. Dominique confesses to have always got on better with animals than humans, growing up closely with horses and pursuing her love for polo- “What really grabs me is being able to read their facial expressions - when you spend time with animals you learn that they are beings just like us, they have feelings and emotions, and these can be written all over a horses face... horses have amazing humour!” Her love and fascination for her horses has extended into other animals, her favourites being Zebras, Elephants and Giraffes – “I love the way zebras are so sexy and voluptuous, the way they strut and wiggle their bums! They are real characters!”

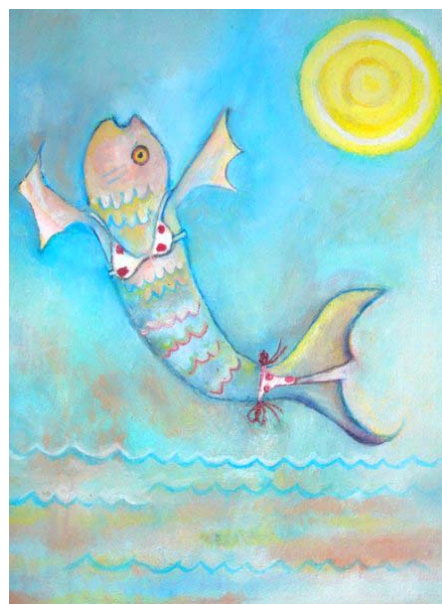
It's the facial expressions, quirky characteristics and humour that Dominique aspires to capture in her work. All her paintings are one offs, she does not sell prints and she does not do copies. - “My paintings are a vivid reflection of what is going on in my life, in a language I have developed through use of my favourite animals....I am a grown up child and I have made sure my favourite friends have grown up with me, and have an important space in my life.”

Dominique started her painting at a very young age, inspired by her creative Mother and going on to study Fine Art & History of Art at the University of Cape Town. She has recently used her paintings to raise money for the displaced people in Kenya after the post election violence, by exhibiting in Klosters, Switzerland. Dominique feels that as an artist it is her responsibility to make people smile - “...my work maybe seen as childlike and quirky, but you are bound to find something in it that will make you smile”

Dominique's work will be on display and for sale from Saturday November 8th until Friday November 14th at The Little Theatre Club. The exhibition will be open to the public every day from 11am – 6pm and entrance is entirely free. On Sunday 9th November there will be a Christmas Bazaar from 10am – 2pm at which Dominique's paintings will also feature. (Bazaar entrance is free to members and 1,000 TSH to non-members)

Come along, meet Dominique and her fabulous friends and let them make you smile!

This exhibition is sponsored by KNIGHT SUPPORT.



“Bikini Clad Fish”