

BILLY MOLOKENG is a multi-talented man — professional painter, singer and composer. He started painting when quite young, and held his first public exhibition in 1968. Due to the generosity of a patron who recognised the artist's talent, Billy was able to attend a private art school in Johannesburg in 1971.

In his current exhibition entitled "Beauty of Africa" he explores this theme in paintings that are joyful, colourful and semi-figurative. The works are highly sophisticated and reveal a sense of humour, rhythm and movement obviously influenced by his love of music. He plays music while he paints and feels that singing and painting are related and interwoven in his work. He started to compose in 1980 and has written eleven songs, many of which have been recorded under the professional name of Billy Afrika.

Molokeng's paintings are full of optimism. The figures dance across the canvas and a harmonious mood prevails which is emphasised by the wonderful use of bright colours. There is a strong KwaNdebele influence in the stylisation and treatment of the figures. Evidence of traditional beliefs, and an affinity with the spirits of his ancestors are conveyed in his recent works.

Molokeng has successfully exhibited in Israel, Germany, Holland, Greece and Italy. His work is in private and public collections in South Africa, Europe, Israel and North America.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 1968 First exhibition Dorkey House, Braamfontein, Johannesburg
- 1974 Herbert Evans Gallery, Johannesburg
- 1976 S.A. Association of Arts — paintings and sculptures
- 1979 Lidchi Art Gallery
Braunshweig, West Germany
- 1982 The Goodman Gallery
- 1987 The Goodman Gallery

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 1971 Michael Angelo Gallery
The Foundation of Creative Arts
- 1974 The Canadian Embassy, Arcadia, Pretoria
Gallery 101
Lidchi Art Gallery
- 1978 Second International Art Fair, Tel Aviv
- 1980 Lidchi Gallery; Athens, Rome
- 1987 The Everard Read Gallery

INVITATION TO AN EXHIBITION BY BILLY MOLOKENG

Which commences
on
Wednesday 22nd June 1988
at 6.30 pm
to be opened by
DR J. MOSENDANE

PREVIEW BY REQUEST

THE SANDERLING GALLERY
7 Smal Street Mall, Johannesburg
(near entrance to Johannesburg Sun Hotel)
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Monday — Friday: 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm