



A striking Sekoto portrait, "Mary Dikdedi Sokoto", in oil on board.

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Sekoto retrospective among events on local art calendar

A trio of exciting events is announced at the Johannesburg Art Gallery in Joubert Park, always a haven if you're seeking a tranquil hour in a troubled world.

Great news from director Christopher Till, soon on his way to The Hague for a conference of the International Council of Museums, is that we are to have a Gerard Sekoto retrospective exhibition to open on October 31 and to run until February 10 next year.

Sekoto became a major figure in the South African art world during the 1940s. Then based in Sophiatown he is especially known for his sensitive depictions of township life.

This exhibition will be the first comprehensive researched retrospective of his work. He went into self-imposed exile in 1947 and since then has been living in Paris.

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Many art lovers in South Africa who possess Sekotos will be lending them to the gallery. The exhibition will present a number never before seen on public exhibition.

In the first week of September, on Saturday September 2, to coincide with the exhibition of entrancing Indian and Persian miniatures on loan from Port Elizabeth art gallery, there'll be an afternoon of classical Indian dance and music on sitar and flute.

And on Tuesday September 5 will be a talk, illustrated with slides, by knowledgeable Sue Ollemans on an introduction to Mughal Miniatures.



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House-trained, no cage necessary, love children, eat anything (which is more than you can say for your great-aunt) — these birds are from Thailand. If you can't get there, try Braamfontein's Design Animations, (011) 339-6692, where they're R45 upwards each.

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