

**Cr Ingrid Strewe, Waverley Councillor, and Mr Paul Pearce,
MP for Coogee, to open local artists' exhibition**

(Bondi Beach) Local artist Vivian Falk and sculptor Bess Galgut, will be unveiling their latest works to buyers and dignitaries at a champagne opening on Tuesday 13 December at Art Moment Gallery, Bondi Beach. Titled, "Life's a Beach", the exhibition will be officially opened at 6pm by Cr Ingrid Strewe, Waverley Councillor, and Mr Paul Pearce, MP for Coogee.

"Life's A Beach" is an infusion of striking oil colours portraying local beaches, scenes and personalities. The artwork vibrantly captures on canvas cameo glimpses of life through local artist, Vivian Falk's eyes.

Vivian's involvement with colour throughout her working life has been a way of expressing her creativeness. Her work has taken her on international travels that have inspired her to appreciate local landscapes and surroundings that Bondi has to offer.

"The vibrancy and spirit that surrounds beaches and beach culture inspires a powerful sense of energy that is tempered by a gentle calm that I believe is inherent in our daily life experiences. 'Life's A Beach' is about capturing these moments on canvas." – Vivian Falk.

Local sculptor, Bess Galgut is noted throughout the international art community and her artwork has been collected in Brazil, Portugal, Canada, Israel, Britain South Africa, Australia and New York.

Bess grew up in South Africa where she had established her own art school and lectured at various universities. Upon her arrival in Australia, Bess established a local art school which many renowned artists have attended.

Galgut is inspired by motherhood, love, relationships, religion and humanitarian issues and utilises a range of materials, including wood, stone, resin, metal, ceramics and plaster of Paris, which she casts in bronze has never shield away from controversy in her work.

"In all my work there is the face, but you have to go deeper. Sculpture opens your mind, it makes you tolerant and aware. I'm a teacher and a student and everything I learn I want to include" Galgut says.

Art Moment Gallery is a hot new player on the Sydney contemporary art scene and a focal point for the art hub and café society in Curlewis Street, Bondi Beach. Established in July 2005 by artist Inna Moshkovich, Art Moment Gallery provides its visitors and local residents the opportunity to purchase artwork from renowned and emerging artists.

**Life's a beach will be open to the public from Wednesday 14 December –
8 January 2006 at Art Moment Gallery, Suite 1, 99-103 Curlewis Street, Bondi Beach.**

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