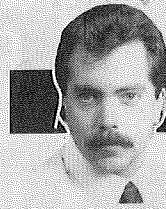


# Sabelis sees the beauty in life

## Mississauga artist hosts his annual show and sale



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There is easily enough depressing

color, and more than enough gore in the world today — so don't expect those things at next week's show by Huibert Sabelis.

The renowned Dutch Canadian painter who calls Mississauga home has entitled his newest series, *Childhood Joys*, and much of what will be seen at his Nov. 5-6 show will also be part of his forthcoming book.

A retrospective, Sabelis' book chronicles his development as an artist from the time he left his native Holland in 1963 through his years in Indonesia, his transformation in Australia and his maturing in Canada.

Renowned international art critic William Van Der Beek will author the 128-page tome that will be limited to 250 copies, each with two original serigraphs, an original drawing, 147 color reproductions and 32 black-and-white reproductions.

Photo by Jeff Chevrier

Mississauga's Huibert Sabelis is gearing up for his annual exhibition of his striking, modern portraits. He continues to painting positive messages and symbols because he says there's enough bad news in the world today. The show is set for this weekend, Nov. 5-6, at 1136 Bancroft Dr.

Since his last interview with *The Mississauga News* two years ago, Sabelis has been continuing with his predilection for flowers, specifically tulips and hibiscus.

Spinning tops, sea shells, sun and geometric patterns remain familiar subjects of Sabelis.

### Vibrant colors

Unabashedly symbolic in his work, Sabelis recaptures his youth in Holland with flowers, his Indonesian experience with sea shells, and his childhood with spinning tops.

His colors, always vibrant, are even brighter and his paintings almost unanimously are overwhelmingly positive in their symbolism.

"You have to be positive otherwise like would be pretty bleak," said Sabelis.

"There's enough bad news out there, enough gore. We don't need any more and you certainly won't find it here (at his show)," he said.

Sabelis doesn't agree with the shock approach to art, like the controversial depiction's that recently landed Ian Langer in court on obscenity charges.

"Art is something you should like, it should grow on you," he said, gesturing to his paintings.

Sabelis will show his work Nov. 5-6 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 1136 Bancroft Dr.

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