

Bold and colourful textures

Tiger-Lounge exhibition

Fusion Fine Arts

Opens tomorrow night

HOT on the heels from an impressive series of international exhibitions in Stockholm, San Francisco and New York, Perth contemporary artist Rob Forlani celebrates *Tiger-Lounge*, his final solo exhibition for 2007 at Fusion Fine Arts.

Forlani has once again encapsulated his use of symbolism in perfect symmetry and harmony to create a standout exhibition of seductive and sophisticated abstracts.

Rob Forlani is known for his bold application of colour and texture.

His use of symbolism guides his brush strokes into standout abstract pieces, instantly transforming any room into a modern, vibrant space.

Forlani's artistic journey started at the age of seven, when a broken leg confined him to bed for eight weeks at Princess Margaret Hospital.

He enthusiastically participated in the hospital's Art Shop program and discovered his passion for art.

"Putting paint to canvas evokes a freedom that has no constraints," Forlani said.

"I enjoy putting little pieces of life and thoughts together in the form of



Work of art: Rob Forlani's solo exhibition *Tiger-Lounge* will be at Fusion Fine Arts from tomorrow night.

enthusiastic brush strokes.

"As reading is the window to knowledge, abstraction is a window to perception."

It's Forlani's collective experiences (his high school art teacher and impressionist painter Darryl Jane, a trip to Italy in his teens and the post-

impressionist and 'fauve' movements) that influenced his various styles.

It was the serendipitous discovery of artists such as Kandinsky, Hans Hofmann, Pro Hart and Helen Frankenthaler that aroused Forlani's interest in abstract expressionism.

Opening night celebrations for the *Tiger-Lounge*

exhibition starts tomorrow night and will continue until September 9 at Fusion Fine Arts, Dolphin Quay at the Mandurah Ocean Marina. The gallery is open from Tuesday-Sunday from 10am-4pm. For more information call 9582 7455 or go online to www.fusionfinearts.com.au