



Artist Rob Forlani with gallery owners Lynette Sullivan, left, and Lisa Kelman

## Be seduced by Rob's sophisticated abstracts

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

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

As one of WA's top contemporary artists, Forlani is known for his bold application of colour and texture.

His artistic journey began at seven years when a broken leg confined him to bed for eight weeks at Princess Margaret Hospital.

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

He said that putting paint to canvas evoked a freedom that had no constraints.

"I enjoy putting little pieces of life and thoughts together in the form of enthusiastic brush strokes," he said.

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

It is his collective experiences — his Rockingham Senior High School art teacher and impressionist painter Darryl Jane, a trip to Italy in his teens, and the post-impressionist and "fauve" movements — that have influenced his various styles.

Tiger Lounge is exhibiting now and continues until September 9 at Fusion Fine Arts, Dolphin Quay, at the Mandurah Ocean Marina. It is open from Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 4pm. For more information call 9582 7455, or view the on-line gallery @ [www.fusionfinearts.com.au](http://www.fusionfinearts.com.au)