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Temptations in the Garden of Eden

Melbourne artist **Rossella Picciani** will reveal her latest work and unveil how her designs can be applied to fabric and furniture at a stunning exhibition on 6 and 7 October, 2007.

In the exhibition, entitled EDEN, Roz will showcase 25 original works, all of which use symbols and icons intertwined and overlaid on images of fossils, fragments of landscapes, human figures and flowers. The combinations create colorful and richly-patterned works.

Roz draws her inspiration from eastern and western mysticism, Jungian psychology extinct languages, cartography, scientific notation and symbols.

Her work is predominantly acrylic on canvas which she then embellishes with metal enamels and coloured varnishes to add depth, texture and movement. There are thousands of symbols embedded in each painting and by using luminous colours to create layers and texture, each painting can be interpreted and enjoyed on a number of levels.

"I work to make each painting just as intriguing whether it's viewed up close or from several metres away. And because of the way the ambient light changes during the day and the number of layers, the paintings reveal something new every time you look at them."

Roz became interested in symbols more than 20 years ago, while working as a graphic designer.

"I believe humans are driven to make meaning, and symbols are fundamental to that process. I'm fascinated by symbols and the power they have over us. I am intrigued by the way they have evolved and changed over thousands of years and I am convinced symbols give us a glimpse into what makes us human and connects us to each other."

The exhibition will also see the debut of Rossella's work applied to fabric, furniture and more.

"Applying my designs to new mediums has been very exciting, and the results add another dimension to my work."

Eden runs 6 and 7 October at Melbourne Girls' College, Yarra Boulevard, Burnely. (Melways 2H H8)

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To talk to Roz about her work or set up a photo, call **0417 533 281**.

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