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# SYLVIA DE VILLIERS

includes excerpts from 'The Story of an Artist' by Casper de Villiers

South African artist, Sylvia de Villiers, signed a publishing contract with Rarities International and International Art Publishers in California. A series of her unique Wild Life paintings are to be published this January. She came to the States in 1997 after being awarded special immigration status on account of works of art hailed as refreshing and unique in international fine art circles. Sylvia has exhibited in the United States, South Africa, Austria, Holland, Germany and Australia.



'JUNGLE MOODS' - 24" X 30" - 199 LIMITED EDITION SERIGRAPH ON CANVAS

ability to capture vivid emotion, the essence of life and feeling as well as De Villiers. Her portraits breathe a life of its own and truly distinguishes hers as an unusual talent. She has certainly risen above her mere technical artistic achievement as is evident from the refreshing and dramatic way in which she captures Wildlife on canvas" - Felix de Weldon.

Born in South Africa in 1958, Sylvia was struck with a debilitating illness in 1994, prohibiting her to continue painting for over two years. Her determination to show "what light reveals and what sound announces" was the encouragement she needed to persevere over her illness. Today Sylvia is doing what doctors told her she would never do again, "paint to her heart's desire!"

Sylvia has been painting since she was a teenager. At eighteen she travelled to Holland and Vienna where she trained in floral design, while expanding her technique in portrait sketching. She was discovered as an artist with a unique ability to capture character and emotion or mood on canvas by renowned sculptor Felix de Weldon in 1989. De Weldon, amongst others, is the sculptor of the famous Iwo Jima War Memorial at Arlington Cemetery. He invited her to study with him at his studio in Newport, Rhode Island, after seeing some of her portraits and other paintings. De Weldon encouraged Sylvia to relocate to the USA.

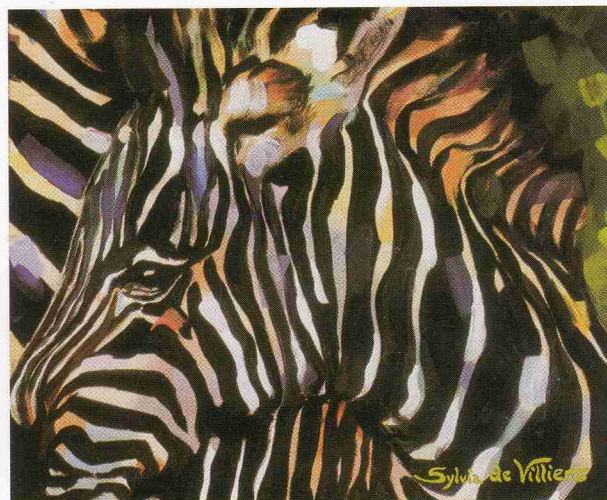
The following quotes explain De Villiers talents in a much better way than Art Expressions Magazine could ever do:

"In my lifetime I have encountered literally hundreds of artists. A rare few have the unique

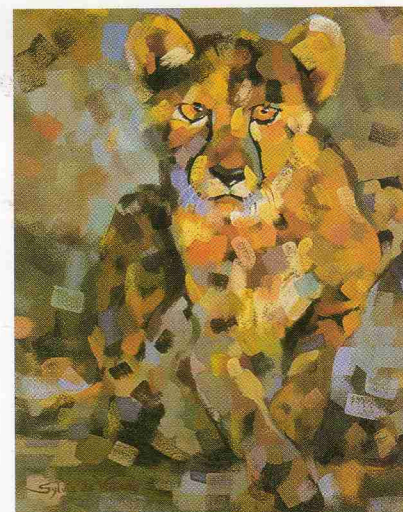
Dr. Ronald Parker, who for many years was among the most prominent art dealers in the USA as owner of Dyan-son Art Galleries, president of Circle Fine Art and distributor of works of art of more than 100 artists worldwide, amongst other works of Picasso, Renoir and Monet, said the following:

"As a draftsman she has no equal. As a painter, I have never seen Wildlife captured better on canvas. Her work exemplifies a style that is unique to her. I have represented over 100 famous artists and I only own works of two, De Weldon and De Villiers."

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