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Susan Hurrell Fieldes at the McAtamney Gallery

Internationally acclaimed Auckland artist Susan Hurrell Fieldes will give a floor talk at the McAtamney Gallery at her exhibition opening this Sunday February 15 at 2 pm.

Her exhibition, titled "Layers of Her"/3x3 reflects the three strands on display.

There are her iconic 6x6 inch canvas prints, carefully composed in groups of 9 (3x3) the subjects of which offer a visual diary of her currents works, interests and thoughts. She has made a point of making at least one 6x6 inch piece every week for several years and the arrangement of sometimes disparate pieces from different times into one single work composed of 9 canvases gives her great satisfaction.

The same is true of her other style of work on display – the "strips". These 1 metre long canvases contain 6 or 8 prints in each strip. They may appear as random images but the artist has selected them to appear together and printed them as one strip.

Finally some larger works the Spoon Series and the Christmas Cake series were inspired by Susan's collection of "nice spoons" and also her grandmothers recipe book.

Susan's chosen medium of print making is endlessly satisfying to her, each plate is individually inked and she's excited by each revelation - "I like the accidents that happen and I like working with the accidents"

Susan is widely regarded in both this country and overseas. She trained in New York and regularly visits and exhibits in the city she finds so invigorating. She also exhibits there, has had an artists residency in Bulgaria, has taught in both America and New Zealand and had shows all around New Zealand.

Now South Canterbury patrons can hear this passionate Artist speak to her works and about the print making she has made her full time profession.

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