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**TEXTILE EXHIBITION – ROY STARKE**

**Pretoria, 23 February 2015.** An exhibition by well-known textile artist Roy Starke can be seen from 1 to 30 April in Gallery 20.20 at the Voortrekker Monument.

The works are huge – a series of 11 pieces which echo Vincent Van Gogh's statements concerning the use of colour and a Wagner series as well as an additional 10 new pieces will also be on display. Starke's work is included in local and international collections such as the Michigan State University, the Pretoria Art Museum and the Tatum Gallery. International exhibitions include Perth, London, Paris, San Francisco and Japan.

Roy Starke has transformed quilting into sublime fine art. Whilst still tapping into the traditional technical skills of quilting, embroidery or needlework, he simultaneously integrates this craftsmanship into an art form, using disciplined compositional construct and exuberant artistic colours and creativity at the same time.

According to the artist he avoids the symmetry of traditional quilt designs. He thinks that traditional quilting rules can be stretched, broken and even totally disregarded. The texture of embroidery adds a sculptural dimension to the surface of a piece, which painting cannot achieve.

The gallery is open from Monday to Friday from 08:00 to 16:00 and normal entrance fees are applicable. Contact Christo Rabie at [opvoed@vtm.org.za](mailto:opvoed@vtm.org.za) or 012 326 6770 for additional enquiries.

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