

Press Release

Local artist paints live at the Opera House



Kapunda artist Jacqueline Coates had just got the kids off to school when she received an email inviting her to perform live at the Opera House to an international VIP audience for SA Tourism.

‘Of course I said yes!’, she explains.

As one of three performing arts personalities which included fellow South Australians, comedian, singer and songwriter Paul McDermott and cabaret artist Katherine Alcorn, they delighted and entertained the crowd with their various talents. Guests were treated to a delicious menu made from South Australian produce

accompanied by South Australian wines. SA’s top wine makers shared wine notes and Mark Gleeson from Adelaide Central Markets mc’d the event at Guillaume’s at the Bennelong Restaurant, inside the famed Utzon design icon.

The occasion had a special meaning for Jacqueline who 25 years ago had a dream at the very beginning of her creative journey where she was standing inside a dark velvety red rose with an opera diva singing at the top of her lungs. At the Opera House Jacqueline painted a new release rose created by Daniel Knight from Gawler of Knight’s roses which he named after famed race horse Black Caviar. The scented rose had the same black and red luscious colours as the bloom she had imagined.

‘And in the background whilst I put the finishing touches to my painting Katherine Alcorn’s amazing voice hit the high notes and I couldn’t help but feel I was somehow living inside my dream! I had so much fun and met some amazing people’.

The painting was won by lucky recipient Justine Cooper from LA, one of the special guests. It will be sent when dry.

Of course it’s life back to normal since the event for Jacqueline or almost, as she prepares for the first of her ten day live-in groups of students coming in from all over the country as part of her 12 month painting program Make Money From Art launched last year. Now Jacqueline has the opportunity to help others achieve their dreams with their paintings in a home study course. The course includes how to sell your work and market, and there is even a website created for each student. She has two overseas students amongst her 22 intake to date with the website only just going live last week at www.makemoneyfromart.com

‘I’ve spent the last year writing the course and teaching it, and the students are getting great results selling their homework along the way. It’s exciting for me and it’s exciting for them, on a daily basis.’

Jacqueline continues to share her talents in the community. She will be sharing her story and tips for a creative path with 50 students from Kapunda High on May 9.