



## Life story resonates in artwork

By LISA JOYCE

IT is commonly said people are a product of their upbringing.

And so it is for Nundah artist JME, who is using her childhood experiences to produce works in what is best described as the spooky-cute genre.

JME will be one of four artists to showcase her paintings in the new exhibition Four Strokes at Bella Art Gallery in Springfield Lakes from Saturday.

The day will also mark the official opening of the gallery.

"I will have up to 10 smaller pieces and the same in larger pieces in the exhibition," JME said.

"All of them are along the same theme but I have been exploring a little bit and pushing myself to create works that really push my artistic ability.

"I have been focusing on creating complex ideas ... looking into my Catholic upbringing and exploring my thoughts on that."

JME's works have had a strong following over the years.

She has previously exhibited in Gallery Six Nundah, Ric's Cafe-Bar, on Brisbane City Council traffic signal boxes and interstate.

One work also has been

### Gallery Opening

**WHAT:** Four Strokes exhibition

**WHERE:** Bella Art Gallery, Springfield Lakes

**WHEN:** From May 5

**PHONE:** 3818 2787.

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Closer to home JME will link with Aboriginal artist Dale Weston, Trisha Lambi and Bella Art Gallery owner Paul Gleave for the latest exhibition.

Mr Gleave said he and wife Lea were excited about the official opening.

"We have both had a love affair with art for many, many years and we are thrilled to be finally opening our gallery in such an exciting place," he said.

"Our vision for the gallery is to be able to provide both a welcoming haven for people to freely browse through our extensive range of artworks, prints and art supplies and to provide an excellent service in helping our customers select pieces of art that will fit perfectly in their homes."

■ The gallery is at shop 14, Spring Lake Metro, Springfield Lakes Blvd, Springfield Lakes. Visit [www.bellaartgallery.com.au](http://www.bellaartgallery.com.au).



■ Building a following ... JME's works will hang at Bella Art Gallery from Saturday.

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