

DAVID KUIJERS

David was born on 30 March 1962 near Johannesburg of Dutch immigrant parents. He completed his schooling at the School of Art, Music and Ballet in Pretoria achieving a distinction in Graphics and in 1980 received the Best Painter award.

After a brief period as a signwriter, he completed a Graphic Design Diploma at the Cape Town Technikon, majoring in illustration. On graduating in 1989 he was awarded the Designer/Illustrator merit award.

His most influential education however has come and still does come, from analysing inspiring works of art, notably Dufy, Kandinsky, Matisse, Hockney and Done.

He freelanced briefly as a designer and illustrator, an occupation which he did not enjoy. He aims to achieve a sense of vitality through his use of the combined media of watercolour, gouache and pastel. He is currently producing paintings of popular commodities such as Glenryck Pilchards, Marmite, Lion Matches etc.

Since 1984 he has been a resident of Cape Town, the subject of most of his paintings. He regularly takes part in group exhibitions and has completed various commissions, notably large seascapes on canvas for the President Hotel and watercolours for the Villa Via Hotel (now known as The Radisson). More recently he completed a large commission for Langeberg.

He is married with three children.