



## Ben Macala

With a distinguished record of significant discoveries among South African younger talent already behind him, Harold Jeppe has now come up with a new name in the field of sculpture, which should prove another winner to add to his substantial list.

The sculptor is Ben Macala, 30 years old, who held his first one-man exhibition of terra-cottas and bronzes in the Lidchi Gallery during mid-November.

Macala has a beautiful tenderness in his pieces, almost invariably dealing with the human figure and treated with sympathy and dignity.

The young sculptor is largely self-taught, says he has been deeply moved by the reproductions he has seen of the sculpture of Michelangelo and Rodin and the drawings of Leonardo. But, he adds disarmingly, he looks at art books only occasionally 'because I become too excited by what I see.'

If Macala continues along his present line of development - no gimmicks no self-pityingly playing for the gallery, no distortions for their own sake - he will certainly become an artist to watch.

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*Two new sculptures by the Johannesburg sculptor, Ben Macala.*