

ERNST DE JONG

On 2 March 1994, a retrospective exhibition of work by painter and graphic designer Ernst de Jong opened at the Pretoria Art Museum. The exhibition spanned De Jong's artistic career, and included works from the time he was a student at the University of Oklahoma, where he obtained a BFA degree, to his most recent series of paintings, titled *Spear of the Nation*, completed in 1993.

Ernst de Jong Studios was established in Pretoria in 1958. Since then this studio has maintained its profile as one of the foremost graphic design studios in South Africa, particularly for symbol and image design.

De Jong's work in graphic design has resulted in many major awards, nationally and internationally. From a design career studded with accolades, he personally highlights the following achievements:

- His designs for the first RSA definitive series of 16 postage stamps

- Being honoured in 1986 with the prestigious Society of Designers in South Africa (SDSA) Award for outstanding design achievement
- The formation, together with six prominent South African designers, of a movement to establish a new South African design style, named Blue Sky
- His advisory role to the Department of Foreign Affairs on the concept and aesthetics for the SA Pavilion at EXPO 1992 Seville, Spain and his design for a 'planet earth' flag for the Polish Government Pavilion at the same event
- His appointment by the SA Reserve Bank as design director of the new SA banknotes which were released in 1992. This series was recognised for outstanding aesthetic qualities at the 1994 Banknote Congress in Monte Carlo.



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