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Happy Moments at Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick

Internationally exhibited visual artist and College Of Fine Arts graduate Sue Soliman is displaying a collection of paintings called "*Happy Moments*" at Sydney Children's Hospital.

"Happy Moments" is a joyful collection of works inspired by the stories of Daisy Bates, who spent most of her life in the Australian outback during the 1800's and Sue Soliman's own travels. The exhibition is the first of 2008 in the rotating exhibition program in a partnership between the alumni group of the National Arts School - Friends of the National Arts School, and the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation Art Program.

Sue Soliman said, "I am excited about exhibiting in the Sydney Children's Hospital and hope my collection helps create a positive environment."

On 16 April Sue held an art workshop with patients at Sydney Children's Hospital to help them express feelings and identity through painting and drawing. Sue has held similar workshops with refugee children in Greece and will hold one with children in France while she is there later this year as an artist in residence at the Cite Internationale des Arts.

Adam Check, Chief Executive, Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation said, "We are delighted that artists within the community are supporting the Hospital and helping to create a child-friendly and healing environment for patients, visitors and staff."

Sue Soliman said, "I really enjoy working with children who are dealing with difficulties in their lives, such as being a refugee or being sick in hospital, and helping them express their emotions through art."

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