



London, Paris, New York, Myrniong!

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From a Myrniong home-
stead to a New York City art
gallery – Vesna Peko-Luketic
will have seen it all.

The owner of Myrniong's
Home on the Range Genu-
ine Free-Range Eggs has
travelled to New York City
to exhibit her digitally pro-
duced artwork.

Originally a professional
painter and printmaker,
Vesna said she was intro-
duced to digital painting by
her daughter, who insisted
she downloaded the playful
app 'Doodle Buddy'.

"It all started three years
ago when I started drawing
on a phone using the app, it
was just a bit of fun until I
was given an iPad and soon
realised that I could increase
my artwork to a large size,"
she said.

Vesna said whilst she is still
essentially drawing on a
blank canvas, the ability to
create art with technology
allows her the freedom to
create on the go.

"This method is an exten-
sion of what I have already
done in my arts practice and
provides exciting new pos-
sibilities for artists working
with traditional media," she
said.

"Technology gives me the
freedom to express myself
without the need of a studio
facility – it's all encased in
my iPad or Apple computer".

Sourcing inspiration from
life, Vesna said the charac-
ters in her art are people seen
in clubs, bars or restaurants
and recreated in her mind in
order to express the lyricism
of rhythm, music and dance.

"My work is about colour,

it's about energy and emo-
tion. I'm more interested in
what I feel than what I see,"
she said.

"I could draw you exactly
as you look but that's just a
skill, art is more than that.
You have to capture the mo-
ment, the feeling and the en-
ergy – it can't just be a piece
of decorative wallpaper".

Titled 'Rhapsody in Colour',
Vesna's exhibition is dedi-
cated to her late friend Alan
Knipe, who gifted her with
an iPad and deeply support-
ed her new medium.

Held at Agora Gallery in
New York, the exhibition
will run from July 7 – July
28. For more information
and to view Vesna's work,
visit [http://www.vesnapeko-
luketic.com/](http://www.vesnapekoluketic.com/).