

An artistic celebration of a day honoring women

By Maxine Marshall

International Women's Day, celebrated on March 8 each year to honor the women's rights movement, was officially recognized by the United Nations in 1975. Since then, it has inspired many events, including several around the Bay Area.

This year, Madrigal Family Winery plans to host a fun fusion of art and wine for an exhibit titled "Women Who Paint Women." The opening-night reception coincides with International Women's Day and includes live music with, of course, wine.

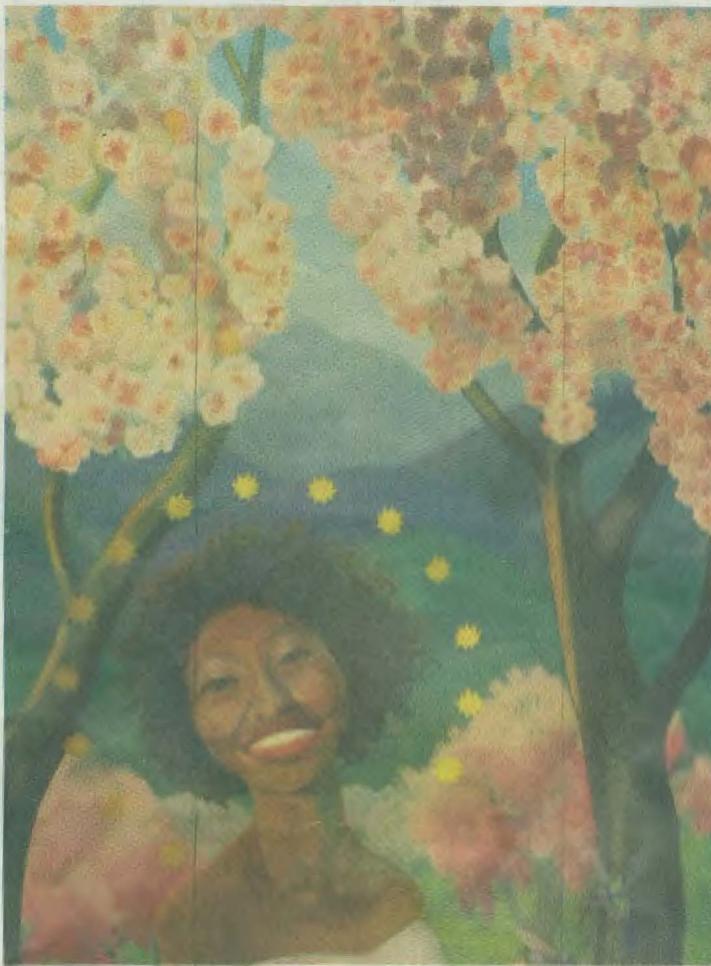
The event, at the winery's Sausalito tasting gallery, will feature the work of five local artists: Teri Vereb, Simin Massoudi, Farnaz Zabetian, Robyn Kralique and Cynthia Tom.

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"Women Who Paint Women," curated by Shiva Pakdel, displays depth and variety, showcasing expressive portraits of women, both fictional and real. Some of the pieces — like those of Vereb, Kralique or Tom — are mythical, fantastical, at times surreal.

In writing about her imaginative work, Vereb considers the complex internal lives of her subjects: "Through each woman a unique story is told, but the common tale of vulnerability and insecurity binds them together as they strive to reveal a deeper strength."

This notion of resilience is echoed in Massoudi's works, which are distinguished by her use of simple, geometric lines and bold, earthy colors. Zabetian, who shares an



Robyn Kralique

"Venus" is by Robyn Kralique, one of five local artists featured in the "Women who Paint Women" exhibition.

"Women Who Paint Women": 6 p.m. Thursday, March 8. Through April 14. Free. Madrigal Family Winery Tasting Salon and Gallery, 819 Bridgeway, Sausalito. (415) 729-9549. www.madrigalfamilywinery.com

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Iranian heritage with Massoudi, also employs rich, burning oranges and warm shades of brown to depict her unique and suggestive fictional female characters in her work.

"Women Who Paint Women" is part of the winery's Sausalito Art & Wine Series and is on view through April 14.

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