

TALENT SHOWN: Grafton Artsfest tutor Deb Gillett displays one of her own clay works, *Birth of Venus*, which is based on a painting by Botticelli.

The works of her students will be on public exhibition at the Grafton Showground tomorrow afternoon.

Ms Gillett described some of her students' works as 'absolutely monumental', and said she was very impressed.

Performing arts tutors will perform tonight. Students will perform for the public tomorrow night in a farewell concert for this year's Grafton Artsfest.



Artsfest: True work of talent

QUEENSLAND clay sculptor Deb Gillett is impressed with talents at this year's Grafton Artsfest workshops.

Twelve clay-work students have produced many works of an exceptional standard over the past week's workshops, Ms Gillett said.

The students are among 500 to take part in the renowned Artsfest tutorials, run by 35 professional artists. They include silk painter Patricia Black from Italy; wood carver Foad Ibrahim, who is originally from Egypt; pastel artist Janet Hayes; oil painter Herman Pekel; oil portrait and life drawing artist Fu Hong; songwriter Roger Corbett; guitarist Michael Fix, as well as many other nation-wide recognised artists. The six days of workshops will end tomorrow.