

■ AN exhibition of new works by Deepa Mann-Kler, one of Northern Ireland's most exciting artists, opens at the Gallery On 2 in Lisburn City Library, Lisburn, tomorrow and continues until December 22.

Deepa was born in Nottingham in 1969, and spent her early childhood in India. She returned to England in 1977 and now lives in Killyleagh with her husband Peter and two children.

Her paintings are powerful, vibrant and

reflect contemporary issues. Her strength is to explore contrasts, be it, between light and dark, or vulnerable and strong poses. This is characteristic of her work and one that she continues to explore. Her style and subjects continue to be highly original. Her work sells across galleries in Belfast and Northern Ireland and is highly collectible.

■ COLLECTIONS of Royal Dux, Royal Worcester, Hummel and Doulton figurines will feature in a sale by auction of antiques and general furnishings, including paintings and clocks, being held on Friday at McAfees