Beatrice Crosby PEARL COHEN



Pearl Cohen, the Johannesburg artist, was born in London and studied at the Michaelis Art School, Cape Town, the Witwatersrand Technical College and the Byam Shaw School, London. She also studied with Sidney Goldblatt and Lioned Abrams but the great advance seen, over the years in her painting comes more from her hard work, sincere dedication, and her own severe self-criticism than from extraneous sources. Although appreciating the works of our artists, she has never allowed herself to be side-tracked from her own steady dyance in her own particular manner.

Also, in a rather demanding Johannesburg life, she is always calm and considerate and ready to give help and kindly criticism to everyone interested in painting, whatever their capabilities.

Pearl Cohen possesses an independence of character which has helped her to develop her work in a highly individual 24 ARTLOOK March, 1970 way. Her sensitivity and thoughtful approach to life is reflected in her imaginative interpretation of shapes, forms and colours which merge realism with fantasy in a most appealing manner.

She has exhibited for a number of years at the Transval Academy and at the Artists of Fame and Promise shows; and she had the honour of being invited to show at the Republic Festival Exhibition in Pretoria when the Provincial Buildings were opened. Her paintings have been bought by the Durban Art Gallery, the Transval Provincial Library and various Transval schools besides, of course, being represented in many private collections.

On April 1 she is holding a one-man show at Gallery 101. This is her fourth exhibition in Johannesburg and art lovers will enjoy having a chance to see her most recent work. The preview of her paintings begins at 2 p.m. on March 31.



Beach Scene : oil

Landscape : oil



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Children : oil