

Quebec artist's paintings to be shown at the Louvre

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A painter from Quebec will be among a group of select artists to be showcased at an exhibit at the Louvre in Paris.

Marc Galipeau's paintings will be displayed at the prestigious Carroussel of the Louvre during a show this December.

"It is something which I never have ever imagined, even in my dreams, nor in my ambitions," Galipeau told the newspaper La Voix de L'Est.

The 38-year-old graphics designer gave up his full-time job in 2005 to devote himself to his art — acrylic and mixed-media paintings.

Galipeau has painted since he was a child, and says he dreamed of becoming a full-time artist. His vivid works feature bold colours and flowing lines evoking dance and music. Some of his works illustrate people playing instruments such as the piano or fiddle.

The self-taught artist was born in 1967 in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, about 40 kilometres southeast of Montreal, and lives in nearby Farnham.

Galipeau has had showings at several exhibits and galleries around Quebec and seems to be on a good run. He recently displayed his works at the Exposition Aix en Provence in France in June, and this September he will return for another French exposition, this time in Nice.

The Louvre show takes place Dec. 14-18.