

A ringing endorsement for artist



● by Vaneesa Bellew

People are raving about Rachell Jones's art.

Since the young mum featured in our May 11 cover story on night courses, her phone hasn't stopped ringing.

"It's just kind of taken on a life of its own," says Rachell.

The 32-year-old mother of two preschoolers, who started painting night-classes only 18 months ago, wants to become a professional painter.

"I paint every day. I usually try and get in at least one hour — if I can get

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● After this photo of Rachell Jones and her son Jacob appeared in *The Aucklander* she has been overwhelmed by the positive feedback about her art

the children to sleep."

Rachell was preparing for her first solo art exhibition in August.

Now, since appearing in *The Aucklander*, she has another exhibition at a Remuera school during the same month.

A member of the organising committee for Baradene College's annual art fundraiser has invited her to exhibit at the school after she saw Rachell's work featured in our cover story.

"I was quite impressed to be called. It's a bit of an honour," says Rachell.

The young mum has also been asked to do a commission and several other people are interested in viewing her work.

"It's been fantastic," she says. "It's all pretty exciting actually."

■ Rachell's solo exhibition is at the CEO Cafe and Wine Bar in the Onehunga Mall during August.