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# Feeling for freedom De Kooning's works possess fluid sensuality

#### By ANNE CAMOZZI

Colour. Light. Movement. These are all words that immediately come to mind at the De Kooning show at the Pollack Gallery, 356 Dundas St. W. The Dutch Abstract Expressionist William De Kooning has a show of 15 paintings and 15 sculptures done since 1966.

This unique painter and draftsman who is now 70, now shows us he can function on his own as a sculptor as well. De Kooning's paintings, largely oils on paper mounted on canvas, are vivid dripping slashes of colours that come alive and vibrate organically. Sunflower yellows, exciting pinks, fiery reds and swirling greens and browns.

His organic execution is born from his subjects of woman in gardens, dunes, and beaches. His paintings

have a fresh spontaneous quality that comes from his feeling for light and movement.

The 15 sculptures (mostly of woman again) are clay cast in deep bronze and possess the fluidity of his paintings but somehow the sensuality they possess is coarser, harsher, and more terrifying. The bronzes

slashes of clay seemingly still soft and pliable but when one comes closer the brown texture is hard cold and rough. These qualities lead the viewer into a somewhat tentative but excited exploration of the surfaces

It is the expressiveness of De

are alive and palpable with the great Kooning's work that stirs a response in us. One can not view these paintings and sculptures without a feeling of the vigour De Kooning throws into his work. This vigour that is transmitted to us becomes a feeling for freedom. The Pollack Gallery is open Monday to Saturday 10 to 6 and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

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# Howlin' Wolf friendly, living off the legend

By RALPH ASHFORD The legendary blues man Howlin' Wolf is at the El Mocambo this

week. And he's living off that legend. Howlin' Wolf has given up guitar and is content to merely sit on the stage, sing and blow an exceptionally mean harp. When asked if he would do a couple of numbers on guitar he replied "I gotta guitar player. I just sing and play harp." Truly unfortunate because he's a fine blues guitarist, one of the best.

But all good things must come to an end and it seems the end is nigh for the Wolf (he's 64). He relies heavily on his band which, although comprised of both new and old sidemen, isn't really more than a swing blues band. A lot of people really enjoyed it and the dance floor was always full (the place was packed-impressive for a Monday night). But if he was playing what he

plays best the mood would not have been geared to dancing.

All his musicians are extremely competent but his guitar man is just too mechanical to play good blues. In the one hour sets played there were no slow easy numbers and this, too, was disappointing.

And if it's any indication of the Wolf's popularity, Crazy David was there and, towards the end of the evening, the English Climax Blues Band turned up (they were in concert at Massey Hall Sunday night). Unfortunately there was no jam.

But if you're into up-tempo Chicago blues and have \$3 to spend on the weekend you shouldn't have any trouble finding a good time. Howlin' Wolf sits on the stage between sets and you'll have every opportunity to meet him - he's very friendly and a fine musician even if he won't play guitar anymore.



One of De Kooning's works on display at the Pollack gallery.

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