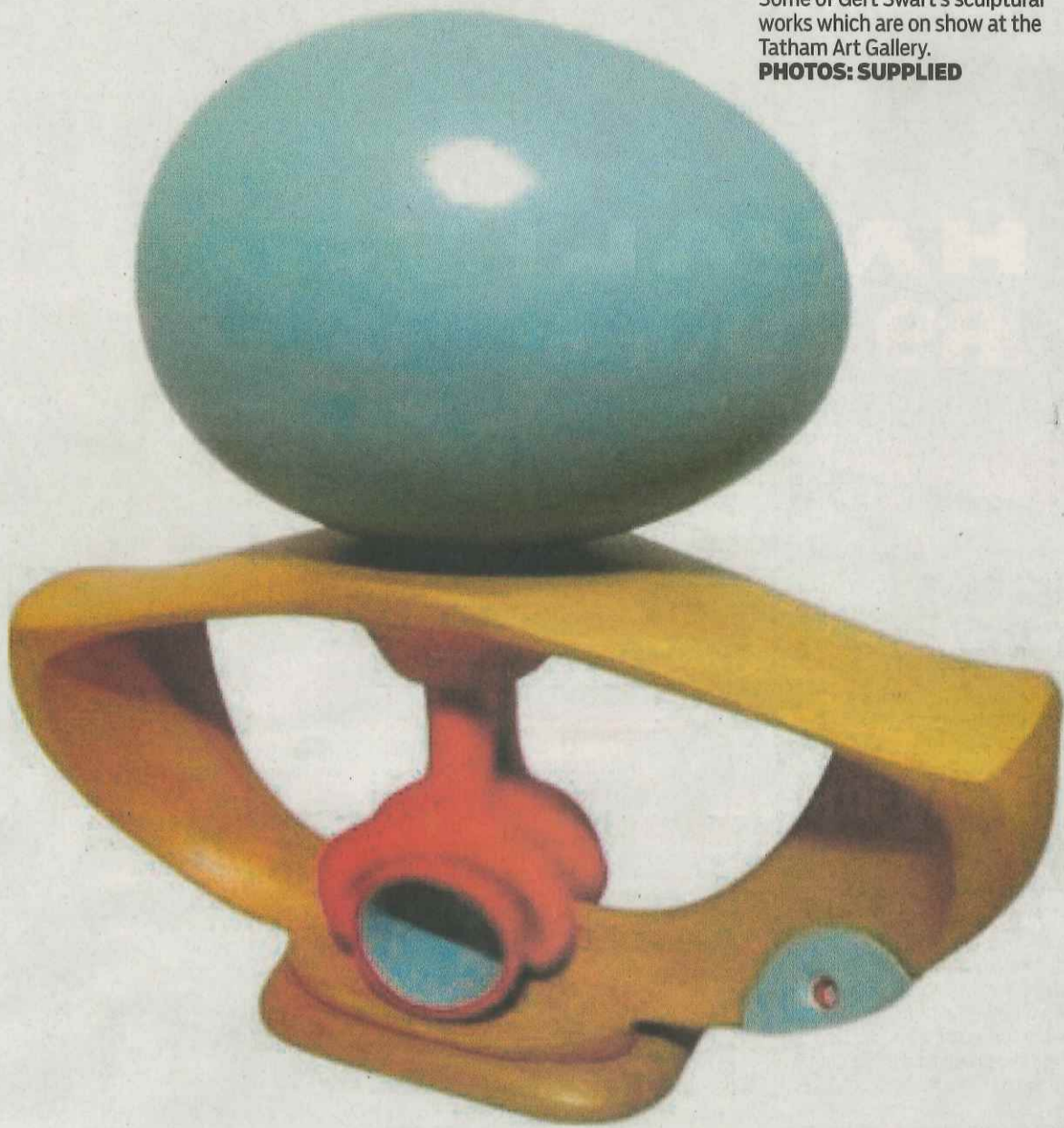


# Take a look into your soul

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Some of Gert Swart's sculptural works which are on show at the Tatham Art Gallery.  
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Visitors to the Tatham Art Gallery in Chief Albert Luthuli Street, Pietermaritzburg, will be able to enjoy an exhibition of sculptures by Gert Swart in the main gallery until April 27.

Titled "Towards Easter Sunday 2025: Who am I?" the exhibition consists of a series of sculptural portals, interspersed with other sculptures, that mark the passage of time in his career as a sculptor.

The idea of an exhibition of portals was born out of his "Contemplation: A Body of Work by Gert Swart" exhibition, which was held at the Tatham Art Gallery in 1997.

Speaking about his work, Swart said: "In hindsight I can see that the contemplative act, in my 1997 exhibition, became the bedrock for me to explore, who I am through a series of sculptural portals in relationship to everything else.

"Carl Jung said: 'People will do anything to avoid facing their own souls'.

"It is hoped that those who engage with these sculptural portals in this exhibition will be brave enough to look deep into their own souls and thereby find answers to that universal question: 'Who Am I?'"

As part of the exhibition the gallery will be hosting an educational programme. On Saturday at 1pm, Rob Scott, a contemporary woodwork designer, will be on hand to enlighten you about working with wood. A spectacular wooden bench made by him can be seen in the Tatham.



Gert Swart's sculptural works at the Tatham Art Gallery.

On March 12 at 11am, Andries Botha, an artist and sculptor, will be doing a guided tour and interactive session that offers insight into Swart's exhibition.

And on April 15 at 11am, Professor Jorella Andrews (Goldsmiths University, UK) and Walter Hayn (also from

the United Kingdom) will present a lecture and slide show and walkabout on the exhibition.

Entry to the Tatham Art Gallery is free. The exhibitions can be viewed from 9am to 4pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

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