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"When you see an . . . image of the Mona Lisa, all the people recognize who is this image. For me, it's important. Marilyn to me is the only recent woman recognizable immediately."

Yvaral's art comes from science. The artist devours scientific and mathematical books.

"Creation is (from) the process and not an explosion."

Yvaral uses computers and video equipment to break up an image, but still relies on canvas and paint. He has designed monumental-size paintings on the

'It's not the objective for me to give a photographic image.'

Yvaral

walls of buildings in Paris, including a large metal portrait of the Mona Lisa.

"I play with technology and industry, not only with canvas and painting. I will use aluminum, stainless steel."

Yvaral (pronounced e-vall) was born in France in 1934, the son of optical art pioneer Victor Vasarely. He studied art with his father and at l'Ecole des Arts Appliques. In 1960, Yvaral co-founded the GRAV, a group of six artists working on the research and application of visual perception through geometrics. He left the group in 1968.

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In line: Yvaral's computer image, "Mona Lisa Synthesis," puts the famous face behind what looks like vertical blinds. Works by the artist are displayed this month at Circle Gallery, in the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Santa from page 1D

The figures show Santa in what you could call his "civilian" clothes — sweaters and sneakers, sitting on a bike, instead of a coat and boots, riding in a sleigh. Each one's personality emerges right before Williams' eyes as she forms them. Her mother makes the sweaters.

"I'm hoping they appeal to all ages." Viewers will tell Williams what is familiar about each Santa.

"I learn so much more about people." "I hope that people will see a lot of joy in them. It's really fun to just stand back (to see the reaction)."

Williams has a personal touch of her own: The hands of her Santas are bigger than you'd expect. That's Williams' tribute to her grandfather.

"(It's) a living memory of my grandfather, a very gentle spirit."

Williams has been an artist for 25 years. Her Santas are a special project she continues all year.



Casual Claus: Julia Williams' one of a kind Santas at the Ariana Gallery in Birmingham wear a variety of outfits, and they could remind the viewer of someone he or she knows.

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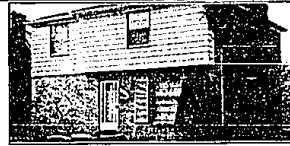
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