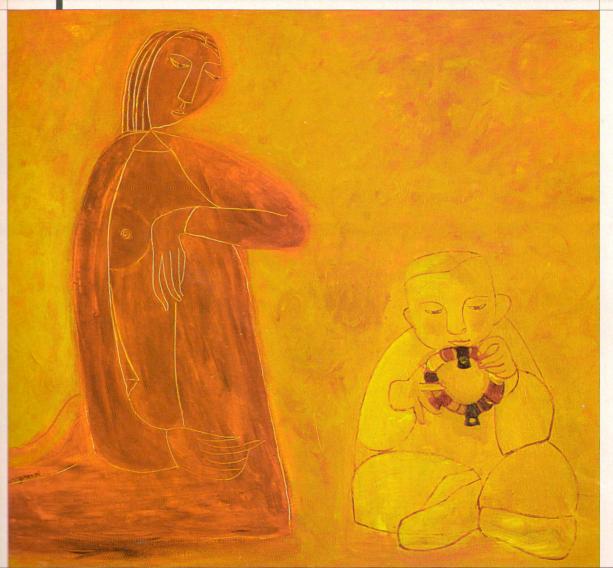
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An art exhibit evokes the texture of traditional rural life.

THROUGH COLORFUL PAINTINGS AND ETCHINGS, VIETNAMESE-BORN ARTIST Lan Nguyen evokes the cultural beauty of her native land—transporting viewers, she says, "to the countrysides of Vietnam." Now living in Hong Kong, Lan chooses subjects that reflect everyday Vietnamese life, such as young women wearing the long, traditional ao dai or Buddhist worshippers at a village festival. In all her works, Lan says, she tries to convey emotions common to people regardless of nationality. Country Songs, an exhibit of the artist's work, will be at the Noho Gallery in New York through August 12. Tel: 852-2914-1160 or lan-art.com

