

Heather Laws Portrait Artist Biography

www.lawsportraits.com

Heather Laws is a Canadian Artist who specializes in and is passionate about the painting of portraits of companion animals and their human counterparts.. Her portraits can be found in homes throughout North America and abroad.

Heather's mentor was her father, the late Norman Laws. A talented and successful commercial artist, he nurtured her artistic talents, providing her with unfailing support and constructive artistic guidance. The value of his mentoring is today reflected in the care, precision and authenticity of Heather's art.

Heather has exhibited her work at numerous shows, while constantly continuing to pursue her artistic endeavours and professional development. Her work has been published in the October 2004 issue of the Pastel Journal. Heather's work has won regional and national awards including Honorable Mention in the Draft Horse Classic and Western Art Show, Grass Valley, Nevada in 2002, and winner of the Cover Artwork Competition for the Pastel Artists Canada 2016 ICAN Convention. Heather is now an associate member of the Colorado based Society of Animal Artists (SAA); a Signature member, Director and Exhibitions Coordinator of the Pastel Artists Canada (PAC) and a newly elected member of the Ontario Society of Artists (OSA).



Portrait of Lola, Head Study in

Pastel

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Heather continues to develop her work, taking workshops and viewing demonstrations conducted by nationally and internationally recognised artists

Loosen Up Intensive with Pastel, **Marla Baggetta**
The Equine in Pastel, **Joan Larson**
Composition, **Christine Camilleri**

Limited Palette, Values, Towards Abstraction, **Gail Sibley**
Focal Point - **Jessica Masters**
Colour Theory - **Ontario College of Art and Design**,
Oil Portraiture - **John Viljoen**,
Mentoring Program - **Kristy Gordon**, On-Line Course

PUBLICATIONS

Featured in the **Pastel Journal**, October 2004 Issue, 'Painting Pets with Personality', by
Deborah Christensen Secor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Pastel Artists Canada, Signature Member (PAC), Exhibitions
Coordinator, Director
Society of Animal Artists, Juried Member
Scugog Council for the Arts, Member
Ontario Society of Artists, Juried Member

SELECTED AWARDS

2016 **PAC Cover Competition Winner: Artwork for Pastel Artists**
Canada ICAN Convention

2002 **Honorable Mention in the Draft Horse Classic and Western Art**
Show, Grass Valley,
Navada

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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2018

**Purely Pastel, 27th Annual Juried Exhibition, Pastel Artists
Canada, Aurora Cultural Centre,
Aurora, ON**

**Scugog Council for the Arts Annual Open Juried Show, Port
Perry, ON**

2017

**5th Annual Members Online Juried Exhibition, Pastel Artists
Canada**

2016

**Purely Pastel, 25th Annual Juried Exhibition, Pastel Artists
Canada, Aurora Cultural Centre,
Aurora, ON**

2013

**Sensations, Avenue Road Arts School, Advanced Student
Exhibition, Spazio dell'Arte Gallery,
Toronto, ON**

2012

**Purely Pastel, 21st Annual Juried Exhibition, Pastel Artists
Canada, Joseph D. Carrier Art
Gallery, Toronto, ON**

**Sensations, Avenue Road Arts School, Advanced Student
Exhibition, Spazio dell'Arte Gallery
Toronto, ON**

2004

One of a Kind Spring Show, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON

2003

One of a Kind Spring Show, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON

2002

**One of a Kind Spring Show, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON
Draft Horse Classic and Western Art Show, Grass Valley, CA**

2001

One of a Kind Spring Show, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON

2000

One of a Kind Spring Show, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON
Art in the Park, Oakville Arts Council, Oakville, ON

1999

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON
Art in the Park, Oakville Arts Council, Oakville, ON

Tournament of Champions, York Equestrian Centre, Cedar Valley, On,
The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square,

Toronto, ON

Cabbagetown Arts and Crafts Show, Riverdale Park, Toronto, ON

Beaches Arts and Crafts Show, Kew Gardens, Toronto, ON

South River Arts Festival, South River, ON

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Art Naturally, The Guild Inn, Toronto, ON

1998

Purely Pastel, Annual Open Juried Exhibition, Pastel Artists
Ontario, Etobicoke Civic Centre Art
Gallery, Etobicoke, ON

Cabbagetown Arts and Crafts Show, Riverdale Park, Toronto, ON

The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Nathan Phillips Square,

Toronto, ON

Beaches Arts and Crafts Show, Kew Gardens, Toronto, ON

Art Naturally, The Guild Inn, Toronto, ON

1997

Cabbagetown Arts and Crafts Show, Riverdale Park, Toronto, ON

Beaches Arts and Crafts Show, Kew Gardens, Toronto, ON

Prince of Wales Stakes Equine Art Exhibition, Fort Erie, ON

Equine Art Harvest Exhibition, Royal Agricultural Winter Fair,

Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON

ART DONATIONS

Heather has donated custom commissioned portraits to many organizations to further their fundraising causes, including Camp Oochigeas, the Equine

Research Foundation and CARD- Community Association for Riders with Disabilities