

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 at 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 Society of Animal Artists (SAA). She is also a Signature member; Director and Exhibitions Coordinator of the Pastel Artists Canada (PAC). In addition, Heather is an elected member of the Ontario Society of Artists (OSA).



Portrait of Lola, Head Study in Pastel

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

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, Nevada

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2019

Lake Scugog 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Studio Tour, Guest Artist, Otter Greenhouses, Port Perry, ON  
Ontario Society of Artists New Member's Exhibition, Neilson Park Creative Centre, Toronto, ON

2018

Scugog Council for the Arts Open Juried Art Show, Port Perry, ON  
Purely Pastel, 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition, Pastel Artists Canada, Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora, ON

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

2017

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Members Online Juried Exhibition, Pastel Artists Canada

2016

Purely Pastel, 25<sup>th</sup> 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, 21<sup>st</sup> 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-

2002

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

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Draft Horse Classic and Western Art Show, Grass Valley, CA

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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

1999

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  
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