



ANITA UTAS

BIOGRAPHY

Anita Utas was born in London, Ontario, and now lives in Ottawa. She received her honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History at Western University where she studied painting and drawing under Paterson Ewen and Duncan de Kergommeaux. She went on to complete her Bachelor of Education, also at Western University. After working as an art teacher with the public school board, Anita traveled overseas and spent seven years teaching in international schools in South East Asia and South America. She has traveled extensively and draws upon these experiences as inspiration for her landscape paintings.

“My landscapes often capture ephemeral moments as viewed in nature; the quiet magic when the day moves to dusk, the way a forest is reflected in a lake, the softness of a misty day. I am drawn to the calming forces of far-off vistas; a mystical place we can enter to escape from our busy lives.”

Her love for animals is expressed in her series of wildlife paintings.

“Animals have always resonated with me. I am in awe of their mystery and beauty. They teach us to observe, to slow down, listen and watch. I want to capture the essence of each animal, their personality and vulnerability. Their gaze draws us in – the curious look of an otter, the watchful eyes of a rabbit, the gentle glance of a bear. My intention is that people will see their individuality and connect with them.”

Anita has been painting professionally for over ten years. Her work is included in corporate and private collections in Canada, the U.S.A., and Europe.