

# Kathy Bradshaw

Kathy Bradshaw is a Saskatoon-based artist & retired art educator. Since receiving her B.F.A. with great distinction from the U. of S. in 2005, she has participated in numerous solo & group exhibitions across Western Canada & has received several awards for her animal portraiture & landscape work.

She works with a range of subject matters in oil & encaustic, an ancient medium treasured for its luminosity, layering capabilities & ability to invoke memory & mystery. Expressive mark-making, colour, texture, light & shadow all play a powerful role in her art.



Her current focus is the power of space in the northern landscape and animal portraiture. Equally fascinated & haunted by the vastness of the prairies & the solitude & complexity of the forest, she takes inspiration from Thoreau's teachings to convey the landscape as a form of escape, a return to self & a means to spiritual growth: "I took a walk in the woods & came out taller than the trees." Similarly seduced by animal forms for their spiritual & symbolic connections, she is compelled to capture their spirit, beauty & strength through gaze & gesture.

Bradshaw's work is part of private, public & corporate collections in Canada, the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Germany & the U.K.