

CINDY REVELL

FINDING THE WHIMSY



Artist Statement

Spirited cats and birds have been showing up in my illustration and fine art for many years. Cats have always been part of my life and provide inspiration with their sleek beauty and mercurial character but inspiration can come from anywhere. It can be found in the pistachio colour of an aspen trunk in the rain, a spotted horse in the pasture, the golden colour of light during a walk to the chicken house or the inquisitive birds which are a common element in a menagerie of uncommonly coloured cats, horses and other creatures. These characters come to life in gardens, interiors and still lifes where they fuse in an exuberant and vibrantly colourful mix that implies 'what if' and 'anything is possible'.

The seed for a painting can start as tiny thumbnail drawings in sketchbooks, notebooks and bits of paper that litter the studio. Sometimes the ideas come in an instant and sometimes they simmer for a long while. I start a painting by drawing the idea on canvas with oil paint keeping design and rhythm in mind. Thick and lively brushstrokes reminiscent of the swirling scratchboard marks from my early years of illustration bring movement and energy to the oil paintings.

Painting is a reliving of experiences for me and a way to meld my thoughts about life with the moments that inspire me. In the process it becomes a whole new story on the canvas that playfully hints of the great connection between all life, and is a celebration of our own magnificent individuality.

What Collectors Say About My Work

"...It has such a vibrant and life-affirming quality to it, it reminds me there still is wonder in the world and reason for optimism."

JM, Client, Toronto, ON

"It cheers me up when I walk into the room and look at it. With each year that passes I enjoy it more and more; it becomes more enjoyable and precious with time."

Shairl Honey, St. Albert, AB

"people's first reaction is "WOW!, where did you get that?"

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"And he still has the same effect on me as when I first laid eyes on him. He makes me smile every time I look at him. The colors are cheerful, he's still contemplating the bird on his tail and he's part of the family now!"

J&AM, Edmonton, AB

"It is very unique and people that see it always comment on that."

Carole-Anne and Mark Nagus of Kincardine Ontario.

