

CINDY REVELL: BE YOUR OWN BIRD



Romeo, 30x36, Oil on Canvas

Artwork Statement

The blue horse in 'Romeo' is the star of the 'Be Your Own Bird' exhibit. These two uncommonly coloured creatures symbolize being your own unique self. Their glances reveal the connection that they share. The flowers hint at romance while the dark sky alludes to potential drama and mystery. And there is that sense of 'what if' and 'anything is possible' that my paintings so often contain.

Vigorous brushstrokes create a feeling of energy and aliveness while the vibrant and atypical animal colours represent the magnificent uniqueness of all creatures. We are all different from one another with our own stories and paths to take yet interdependent and connected as suggested by the tête-a-tête between the horse and the owl.

My husband and I saw some beautiful white spotted Appaloosa horses in a pasture. I said "I'm going to paint those horses". He replied "I'll bet they aren't going to be white". He was right about that! Those Appaloosas were the initial spark for this painting.

The whimsical tone and rich palette in 'Romeo' and the other paintings in this exhibit are the threads of connection that run deeply through all my work. When collectors and art lovers see my paintings and illustrations in magazines or books they say they instantly recognize the paintings as mine. Connections. They're beautiful.