

# Marie-France Bessette

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Marie-France holds degrees in Fine Arts and Education from the University of Ottawa. Her personal and teaching experiences have allowed her to develop professionally and expand her artistic horizons. As a High School Art Teacher she shares both her talent and her enthusiasm with her students.

The artist lives in a peaceful and natural setting on the outskirts of Gatineau. She has had a life long passion for art in every form since childhood. During her first trip to Europe at the age of 16, she literally fell in love with painting while visiting the El Prado Museum in Spain. At the age of 18, she travelled extensively throughout Europe and North Africa for a period of one year. Since then, she has explored the visual world to its outer limits.

Marie-France is not only an animated and accomplished professional portrait painter; she also challenges her artistic talent in various other mediums and modes.

## **Artist's Statement:**

“I am inspired by the unique character and the inner soul of my subjects. My challenge is to interpret and introduce the living, breathing individual or moment, captured in each painting.”

## **Galleries and Exhibits:**

Ottawa Arts Court Foundation  
Imagier Exhibition in Gatineau (District of Aylmer)  
Art-Image Exhibition Centre in Gatineau  
Maison des naissances in Gatineau  
Several private collections

Member of Art Lending of Ottawa since 2006

Medium - acrylics