

## Lu Jonescu

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Lu studied basic graphics layout and composition at the High School of Commerce (Ottawa). She studied various mediums at the School of Art; portraits in oil with Robert Hyndman, acrylics with Blair Sharpe, watercolours with Ken Finch, and Canadian artists, Pauline Halancin, Graham Scholes and Brian Atyeo. She enhanced her training in watercolour through a variety of workshops with well - known artists from the U. S., for example Zoltan Zabo, Barbara Nechis and Tony Couch.

She exhibits with the Ottawa Art Association (Little Theatre), The Nepean Fine Arts League, and the Ottawa Watercolour Society, (in which she was elected a Fellow in 1985), through their juried awards show twice annually. Recently, she has exhibited her work at the Kanata Civic Art League, and the Gloucester Arts Council.

Moody, soft, impressionistic, are words frequently used to describe this artist's watercolours, her medium of choice for the last 14 years. Never hard edged, always intent on conveying a mood, whether the subject consists of local scenes, including the Byward Market, sails at Dow's Lake or the countryside, her works blur the line between realism and dreaminess (which she prefers to describe as slightly abstract representational). Her distinctive style has won her numerous awards.

Lu's works hang in a number of private collections across Canada and the Eastern United States, as well as in corporate collections.

She has been published in the artists' book, Guide Vallee, volume 111, interviewed in the Kanata Kourier a number of times, and reviewed in the Centretown News and the Ottawa Citizen.

S.O.S. Children's Village, Canada, an international charitable organization, selected one of her paintings, "The Sleighride", to reproduce as a Christmas card for their 1998 Fund-raiser.

This artist has held numerous solo shows locally and has taken part in a number of exhibitions nationally and internationally, notably The Toronto Outdoor Show, and The One of a Kind Show (a regular at the Kidney Foundation Art Festival). She regularly donates works to help raise funds for charitable organizations, such as Big Brothers, the Westboro Kiwanis Club, and PBS.

Lu is represented by; Echo D'Iffusart Gallery, Arteca Gallery and the Kanata Civic Art Gallery.

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Medium - watercolours