

Marie Rakos

A passionate explorer of water-based and mixed media, Marie works in a rather loose style striving to capture a bit of the magic - that "secret soul" (Kandinsky) - of what surrounds us. Subject matter, both mystical and evocative of the natural world, is interpreted in flowing organic shapes and luminous contrasts. Her most recent work includes a number of experimental pieces which are painted on smooth papers and which incorporate collage.

Marie has studied painting with several artists from Eastern Ontario including Robert Hinchley, Stuart Beaty, and Henry Vyfvinkel. She has exhibited her work at the Ottawa Public Libraries' Emerald Plaza Branch, in exhibitions of the Nepean Fine Arts League and in both juried and non-juried shows of the Ottawa Watercolour Society and Ottawa Mixed Media Artists.

In addition to painting Marie is very active as a volunteer in the Ottawa arts community and is currently president of the Nepean Fine Arts League. She also teaches classes in water-based media for the Manor Park Community Council. Marie lives in Ottawa with her husband John.

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Medium - watercolour and oil