

Maria Miranda Lawrence

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PERSONAL

Place of Birth Bretanha, S. Miguel, Azores, Portugal
Citizenship: Dual Canadian & Portuguese
Visa Status: Permanent Resident Canada

EDUCATION

Kootenay School of Art, Nelson, B. C.
Diploma of Fine Arts
Graduated May 1974 – painting major
Three year fine arts program (1971-1974)

Other training:

Linda Lindsay School of Sculpture Victoria, B. C. 1997-1999
(Clay sculpture heads and figures)

Workshops : **Watercolour** with Caren Heine, Ann Hunter, Catharine Moffat, Kiff Holland;
Oils with David Goatley and Catharine Moffat; **Sculpting** with Melanie Furtado. Demos by several more artists through Island Illustrators Society and the Federation of Canadian artists.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

ACIPA Signature member of the Canadian Institute of Portrait Art, a juried member of the Island Illustrators Society (president IIS for 3 years) , an active member Federation of Canadian Artists, lifetime member Vancouver Island Arts and Cultural Accord, Greater Victoria Arts Council, former member Vancouver Island Sculptures Guild CARFAC CARCC

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2014 (Feb) Kitimat Museum Art Gallery **À Janela - The Poetic Soul** Kitimat BC
2012 (March) Portuguese Center featuring the theme - **Portugal** Victoria BC
2012 (Oct.) Fernwood United featured paintings of **À Janela - The Poetic Soul** celebrating the book release with full concert with local fadista - Sara Marreiros Victoria BC
2011 (Dec.) Lagoa Municipal Gallery, **À Janela - The Poetic Soul** Lagoa, S. Miguel Azores
2008 (May) Gallery at the Mac – **Dance** – McPherson theater, Victoria, BC
2007 (Sept.) Victoria Arts Connection - **Music and Dance**- Victoria, BC
2006 (May) Multicultural Festival –Portuguese Hall, **Saudades de Portugal** Victoria, BC
2005 (April-May) Gastown (Portuguese Club Gallery) **Painting my Passion** Vancouver, BC
2005 (July) Kitimat Museum and Art Gallery **Maria Miranda-In Retrospect** Kitimat, BC
2005 (July-Aug) Langham Court Theatre, Victoria, **Flamenco** Apr-May 2001
2002-2004 La Bodeguita permanent display of **Flamenco themed** paintings Victoria BC
1999-2003 Miranda's Art Studio annual weekend exhibitions paintings& sculptures Vic.BC
1984 (Feb) Sooke Museum Art Gallery **Faces & Figures** (30 paintings) Sooke,BC
1983 (April) Country Crafters **Portraits and Painting by Miranda** (by invitation) Sooke, BC
1974 (May) Kootenay School of Art. Gallery, **Figurative works** first exhibition, Nelson, BC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2014 (Nov) Coast Collective Gallery **Fabulous Fakes** Island Illustrators, Metchosin BC
2014 Illustrated Travelling Musical Alphabet, **F for Fado** was my contribution (painting for the show) 8 Library location one month showing at each Island Illustrators Society
2013 Island Illustrators Society, **Naughty & Nice Show**, Martin Bachelor Gallery,
2013 (July) Greater Victoria Art Gallery, TD **Paint-In** on Moss St.-Juried
2013 (Nov) Coast Collective **Island Illustrators Society Presents** Victoria, B.C
2012 (May) Arts Center Gallery, Cedar Hill **Seeing it through your eyes 2** group show showcasing 5 cultures, Italian, Filipino, Metis, Ukranian and I represented the Portuguese
2012 Royal Colwood Golf **Arts and Jazz Event** Island Illustrators Society, Colwood, BC
2011 (Feb) Martin Bachelor Gallery **Exotica-2 An Interpretative Celebration of Dance** collaborative project, with award winning painter Clement Kwan & Bill Zuk, photographer Herman Surkis (a series of three new shows together at different locations) Victoria, BC
2011 (Aug – Nov) Maltwood Gallery, University of Victoria, (with Kwan, Zuk & Surkis) **Exotica-3 An Interpretative Celebration of Dance**
2011 (Oct) Cedar Hill Rec. Centre Island Illustrators Society, **25th Anniversary Exhibit** , Victoria, B.C.
2010 (Apr-July 2010) Victoria Arts Connection, Victoria, BC **Exotica-1 An Interpretative Celebration of Dance** (Collaboration with Bill Zuk, Clement Kwan, and Herman Surkis)
2009 Butchart Garden gift shop feature wall, **The Illustrated Garden** Brentwood Bay, BC
2009 Cedar Hill Gallery **Garry Oak Habit**, Island Illustrators Society Group Exhibit
2009 , C.A.C. Gallery, **A Climate of Change**, Island Illustrators Victoria B.C.
2008 (June) Grimshaw-Gudewicz Art Gallery, **Janelas da Alma –Sonhos de Portugal** with artist Joao de Brito at Bristol College in Fall River, Mass. USA
2008 (June) Chapel Arts, **Celebrating Portuguese heritage** exhibited with five other Portuguese artists displayed 20 of my **Dance** themed paintings in the main gallery, Van. BC
2007 Maltwood Gallery **Woodworkers and Illustrators** University of Victoria, Victoria BC
2007 On Canvas Gallery **In our lifetime** Island Illustrators Society show Victoria BC
2007 Craigdarroch Castle, **Illustrators at the Castle**, Island Illustrators show Victoria BC
2005 I St Ann's Historic Site **Illustrating Saint Ann's**, Island Illustrator show Victoria BC .
2005 the Roundhouse, Vancouver BC **Night of Artists** individual display booth in first in Vancouver BC, Edmonton, Alberta and Ottawa, Ontario.
2005 CAC Gallery, **Slow Food - Slow Art**, Island Illustrators Group Exhibit, Victoria, BC
2005 Sooke Harbour House **Slow Food - Slow Art** Island Illustrators show Sooke BC
2004 (Dec) Chapters **Party Animals** Island Illustrators showing , Victoria, BC
2003 -2007 Winspear Centre **Night of Artists** (art & musical entertainment) individual display booths, Sidney, BC including participating in creating panels for Mosaic Murals
2002 Campbell River District Art Gallery **Illustrating Illustration**, Campbell River, BC
2001 Royal British Columbia Museum **Illustrating Emily**, Emily Carr Exhibit, Victoria, BC
2001- 2009 Collab-Art: work with students /display auction L'ecole Brodeur, Victoria BC
1999-2003 annual Island **Illustrators Studio Tour**, solo display of paintings in home studio
1997 Crystal Gardens **Illustrators showcase** own display of paintings, Victoria BC
*** numerous juried group exhibitions 1983- in Sooke BC, and Victoria BC (not included)**

AWARDS

-The Portuguese-Canadian National Copa Award for outstanding achievement for Arts and Culture (2006)

-Top Grant of the Year award from Governo dos Açores: Direcção Regional das Comunidades for the project, À Janela - The Poetic Soul. (2011) This made it possible for its first exhibition in Lagoa, S. Miguel, where the idea for the series “À Janela – The Poetic Soul” first generated.

-First prize poster image contest awarded by the Sooke Mirror promoting All Sookes Day celebration (1983)

-Awarded two scholarships in high school towards my art education. (1974)

-Second prize, poster image to promote reading open to all age groups (age 13) (1970)

PUBLICATIONS

Illustration by Maria Miranda Lawrence

À Janela - The Poetic Soul by Maria Miranda Lawrence

Christmas memories by Karen Culos (Hard Cover Scrapbook with Authors personal stories and offers the owner to record ten Christmas years)

Ronald’s Bug Zoo by Lisa Kitt (children’s story about a boy who collects a variety of bugs to share with his friends and then releases them.)

My images appear in the “Night of Artists” NOA books, magazines and mosaic murals

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