

Romantic Realism

Art Exhibition of Sandra Kuck

INVITATION

DEC 8-14

Date of Exhibition

8th (Sat) to 14th (Fri) December

12:00 Noon to 6:00pm

(From 2:00pm on date of Opening)



Organized by: The International Arts Gallery

Co-organized by: Federation of Canadian Artists

Co-sponsors: Children's Wish Foundation of Canada (BC & Yukon Chapters)
and Salesian Missions of New York



Sandra and her recent artwork



Artist Sandra Kuck



*Sandra and her beloved
granddaughter Vonnice*



At an autograph session

You are cordially invited to
the Opening Ceremony of

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Date: 8th December 2012 (Saturday)
Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Exhibition Room, International Arts Gallery,
Unit No. 2083-2091 International Village Mall,
88 West Pender Street, Vancouver B.C. V6B 6N9

Tel: 604-669-1886 / 604-725-5118,
Web-site: www.internationalartsgallerybc.ca

With Light refreshment
Free Admission & 2 Hours Free parking
at International Village Mall

Awards and Tributes

Sandra Kuck is one of America's most acclaimed living artists, with an impressive record of awards in recognition of her artistic merit and record sales...

National Association of Limited Edition Dealers

- 1983 - *Jessica*, Lithograph of the Year
- 1983 - NALED Artist of the Year
- 1983 - *Sunday Best*, Plate of the Year
- 1984 - NALED Artist of the Year
- 1984 - Silver Chalice Award, Anaheim Collectibles Show
- 1985 - *Once Upon a Time*, Plate of the Year
- 1985 - NALED Artist of the Year
- 1986 - *Tender Moments & Quiet Reflections*, Lithographs of the Year
- 1986 - NALED Artist of the Year
- 1986 - Silver Chalice Award, Artist of the Year
- 1986 - Plate World Reader Poll - Artist of the Year
- 1987 - *Mother's Love*, Lithograph of the Year
- 1987 - NALED Artist of the Year
- 1988 - NALED Artist of the Year
- 1988 - *Summer Outing*, Award for Excellence
- 1989 - *Loving Steps*, Doll of the Year
- 1990 - *Reflections of Love*, Plate of the Year
- 1991 - International Collectible Artist of the Year
- 1991 - *God's Gift*, Lithograph of the Year
- 1993 - *Best Friends*, Plate of the Year
- 1994 - Artist of the Year, Canadian Art & Collectibles Show
- 1995 - Inductee: Plate Artist Hall of Fame - Bradford Exchange
- 1995 - *Reading with Teddy*, Doll of the Year
- 1995 - *Dear Santa*, Plate of the Year
- 1995 - Artist of the Year, Canadian Art & Collectibles Show
- 1996 - Frances Hook Scholarship Fund - First Ellen H. Williams Memorial Award for the Most Esteemed Artist
- 1996 - *Teaching Teddy His Prayers*, Canadian Collectible Doll of the Year
- 1997 - Artist of the Year, Canadian Art & Collectibles Show
- 1998 - *Christmas Day Joy*, Plate of the Year
- 2000 - Graphic Artist of the Year - NALED
- 2000 - Inductee: Print Artist Hall of Fame - U.S. Art
- 2000 - *Bringing in the Christmas Tree*, Plate of the Year
- 2000 - Artist of the Year
- 2001 - Collectors Choice Award
- 2004 - Most Honored Artist - past 25 years NALED
- 2005 - 'Woman of the Year' by the Council of Cerebral Palsy
- 2007 - Platinum Award - over 1 million Books Sold

Sandra Kuck artist of record



Angelic children, nostalgic settings, lyrical compositions and exquisite detail are the signature characteristics of Sandra Kuck's art. Her art uniquely captures the tenderness and beauty of children and the charm of "days gone by." From wonderfully expressive faces to the touch of delicate flowers, Sandra's profound love of children and nature inspire her beautiful creations.

Sandra Kuck is recognized as one of today's most beloved American artists. Her original paintings hang in prestigious collections around the world, including the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Literally millions of people in the United States and Canada have purchased a print, book or object of art based on her unique and endearing paintings.

Born in East Liverpool, Ohio and graduating from high school in Southern California, Sandra had been interested in art and design since early childhood. She attended UCLA until moving to New York City to study at The Art Student's League. With boundless determination and energy, she continued to cultivate her talents at home while raising her young children.

In 1983, Sandra received her first national recognition when she was honored with both the Print of the Year and Artist of the Year awards from the National Association of Limited Edition Dealers. The honors and awards have continued, including Artist of the Year for an unprecedented eight times.

Such distinguished companies as Avon, Bradford Exchange, Danbury Mint, and Lenox currently sell Sandra's art.

She continues large commission painting in her Boca Raton, Florida studio. Among her latest artistic accomplishments are the creation of unique home décor and garden sculpture that add a touch of elegance to any setting.

"My art is meant to be an escape from everyday reality, a journey to the charm and romanticism of an earlier time, a time of elegance, rich in detail and traditional values. I am interested in creating a peaceful feeling through my art, that I can share with the world."

- Sandra Kuck

Romantic Realism

A look at the Paintings of Sandra Kuck

Romantic Realism can be seen as the modern day rebirth of the Renaissance, capturing the spirit of both individualism and humanism - only this unique form of art however, portrays realism not only through the restoration of beauty and life - affirming values, but also in seeking the accuracy and specificity in our world apart from mere perfection.

What distinguishes Romantic Realism from other forms of art is the idea that reason and emotion are capable of being in harmony with each other. Here, the artist is inspired by the feelings and ideas generated from humankind, life and herself. The use of form (physical presentation) to communicate content (human values) through individual style (emotional expression) are what grant us both an aesthetic experience as well as one that is spiritual - this is not evoked by an escape from reality, but rather a whole embrace of its existence and consciousness, unified as one.

It is not an overstatement to say that Sandra Kuck is passionately in love with natural beauty. Her ability to show the powerful and private sensibility between friends, families and lovers is evidence that beauty, perfection and freedom are alive in the moments of reality. Her art portrays the harmony and peaceful sense of affection, admiration and trust found between individuals and mankind, which signifies her own humanistic and optimistic beliefs about an inspired reality. Thus it is not the images of girls in white dresses, pianos, fireplaces, porch swings and pets that make the artworks romantic, it is the passion and value of the artist, her ability to put into the artworks the skill and impact to best express these ideas and values that makes her work romantic, appealing and meaningful to all, making her work not only unique and valuable, but a part of every person, in mind, heart and soul. Sandra Kuck inspires her audience to be free. As Sandra herself said, "I try to make life more beautiful and interesting than it actually is, yet give it all the reality, and even a more convincing reality than that of our everyday life"



English Garden 30 x 36 ▲
Rescued 24 x 30 ▶



The International Arts Gallery

“Promoting Perfection of Chinese Artworks, Advancing onto International Arts Platform.”

The International Arts Gallery in Vancouver is a platform for introducing fine artworks of traditional and contemporary Chinese Artists, their paintings and Calligraphy. It advocates to promote cultural exchange between Chinese arts and culture and that of other cultures in Vancouver and other parts of the world. It aims at inspiring creativity and originality of artists and enhancing the level of appreciation of artworks from the community.

The focus of International Arts Gallery is not for business sale, we look for the purposes of promoting appreciation and understanding of Chinese painting heritage and culture as a high form of visual art of beauty and deep meaning. We also encourage contemporary Chinese artists to develop an innovative concept or style of Chinese paintings which constitutes distinct Northern America colour and style.

Since 2010, we have held more than twenty art exhibitions of renowned contemporary artists individually or as a group from local community of Vancouver and from various cities of China. Among them were famous master artists Professor Johnson Chow, Professor Li Xingjian, Sezto Chi and Nathan Sezto, John Chen, and Chan Tinyan from the local community, and Master Painter Yu Jigao, Yue Zhenwen and Professor He Dong from China. Those exhibitions had proved to be successfully and loved by the community in Vancouver. This is the first time the International Arts Gallery hosting a non-Chinese world famous artist – Ms. Sandra Kuck, to hold an art exhibition in our arts gallery.

We sincerely believe that promoting Sandra’s distinctive style of “Romantic Realism” painting to the community in Vancouver will help to enhance the level of appreciation of arts of our art appreciators. We also see this as a great opportunity to expose the Vancouver Chinese arts community to other forms of beautiful artworks, hence promote culture exchange between the Chinese arts and those of other parts of the world.

Web-site: www.internationalartsgallerybc.ca



Sonatina 24 x 30
Gabiella 19 x 28



God's Gift 20 x 24
Before the Dance 24 x 30

Federation of Canadian Artists



The Federation of Canadian Artists (FCA) was founded in 1941 by a group of Canadian artists, including the Group of Seven luminary, Lawren Harris. The FCA continues to operate as a registered not for profit society with Chapters throughout Canada. The FCA is dedicated to raising artistic standards by stimulating participants to greater heights of knowledge and achievement by offering what is believed to be the first completely artists sponsored gallery and workshop studio in Canada. The mission of the FCA is to advance the knowledge and appreciation of art and culture to all Canadians, and to promote emerging as well as professional member artists. The Federation Gallery is located on Granville Island, Vancouver, BC, featuring bi-monthly juried exhibitions of works by emerging and signature artists. There are two juried international shows held annually, Painting on the Edge and AIRS. The FCA occasionally holds other special collaborative shows with other art societies. An extensive education program which is open to non-members as well as members, offers workshops, classes, critiques and lectures in the fine arts media, with instruction by successful established artists who can help artists to explore and develop their artistic interest and talent. Membership in the FCA is open to all who appreciate art. The Federation is proud to be a co-organiser of the Art Exhibition of Sandra Kuck. Web Site: www.artists.ca



Exploring 24 x 36
 Night Before Christmas 16 x 20



Children's Wish Children's Wish Foundation of Canada

Established in 1984, Children's Wish is a national non-profit organization dedicated to fulfilling a favourite wish for children diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses. Since its inception, Children's Wish has granted more than 19,000 wishes for children and their families and fulfills approximately 1000 wishes annually -- granting nearly three wishes everyday -- each being an individual adventure, carefully structured to meet the needs of that particular child. The foundation has never refused a wish to an eligible child.

Each wish is as unique as the child who makes it. A wish can range from a personal computer or a home theatre system, to travel or a meeting with a celebrity.

Children's Wish, a registered national charity with chapters in every province and territory, relies on the generosity of its donors and volunteers to make certain that no wish is refused. Children's Wish has established itself as one of the most recognized registered charities in Canada and the most recognized organization when it comes to granting wishes for children diagnosed with life threatening illnesses.

Website: www.childrenswish.ca

All proceed from sale of printed copies of images of Sandra Kuck's paintings for the art exhibition will be donated to the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada by the artist and the International Arts Gallery



◀ Kissing Kitty 20 x 28
 ▶ Cupid 24 x 30



Helping Hand 30x40 ▶
 Best Friends 24x30 ▶



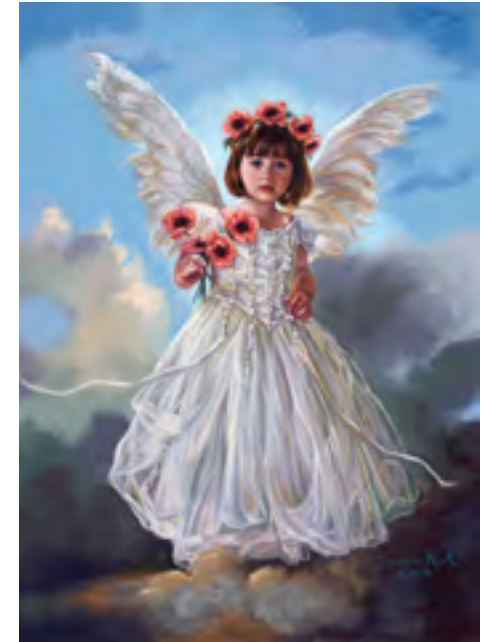
Salesian Missions, New York

Salesian Missions is the U.S. development arm of the global Salesians of Don Bosco founded in 1859 by St. John Bosco – an Italian Catholic priest who devoted his life to fulfilling the needs of orphans and vulnerable children. He believed “It is not enough to love the young... they must know that they are loved.” Located in New Rochelle, New York, Salesian Missions raises funds for U.S. and international programs that serve youth and families in some of the poorest places around the globe. Working in more than 130 countries, Salesian missionaries are dedicated to caring for poor children and developing programs that break the devastating cycle of poverty. From feeding and housing street children to teaching technical and vocational skills, Salesian Missions gives hope and opportunity to millions of youth around the globe regardless of race or religion. The Salesians operate more than 5,000 schools and technical training centers, 23 colleges, 216 clinics and hospitals, and 225 orphanages and shelters. These programs rely on the generosity of caring donors. To learn more, go to www.SalesianMissions.org.

Sandra Kuck has been donating artworks to the Salesian Missions for more than 10 Years. Her artworks had been put into annual pocket calendars used to raise funds and collect donations for missions around the globe.

*All sale proceed of original painting and prints of
“Kissing Kitty” will be donated to Salesian Missions by Sandra Kuck
and the Interantional Arts Gallery.*

Pastel Angels Paintings of Sandra Kuck



Sandra Kuck's Oil Portrait

Sandra Kuck also focuses on oil portrait of individuals and family groups. Her distinct style in portrait of human figure is characterized by the peaceful, harmonious, beautiful and yet powerful images produced, not only portraying the specific interests of the outer appearance, but also depicting the inner personality and character of her subject, which truly demonstrates the classic technique and style of "Romantic Realism".

Sandra will be available during her stay in Vancouver to produce several oil portraits for interested person, with the following requirements and conditions:

Sandra will need to have one sitting with the subject to take photos for reference and to observe his/her interests and personality. A sketch will be submitted to subject for approval prior to actual painting.



**For interest, please consult International Arts Gallery
(Ms. Katherine Chan @ 1-647-296-8933 or 604-569-1886)**

Price list for Oil Portrait by Sandra Kuck

Size	Canadian \$
20"x24"	\$12,000 - \$15,000
24"x36"	\$24,000 - \$30,000
30"x48"	\$32,000 - \$40,000
48"x60"	\$40,000 - \$50,000

Additional people in Portrait
 1 addition - 30% more
 2 addition - 40% more
 (all price does not include 12% HST)



Little Girl



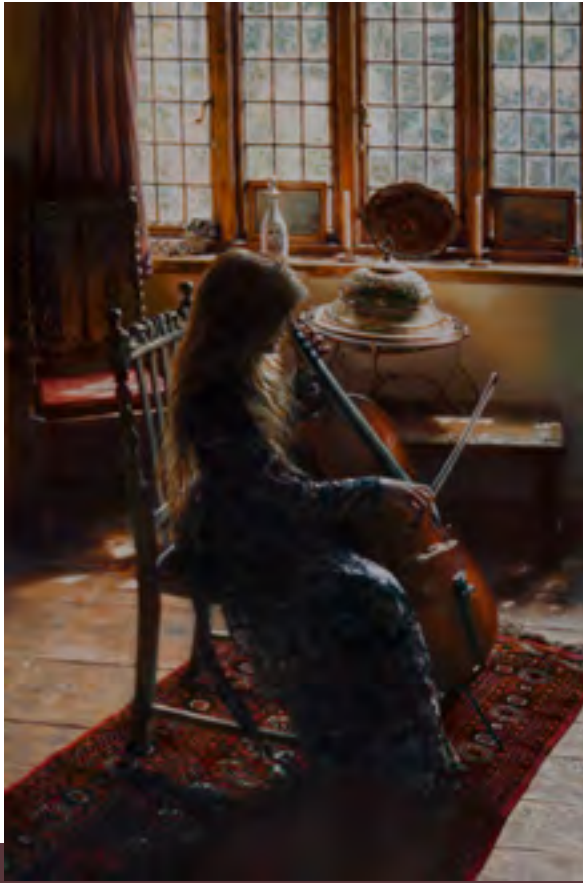
Boy



Girl with Kitty



Seminole Tribe (Collection of Museum of Arts, South Florida)



Cello 30X40

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