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|   | <b>Belinda Leigh</b> |   |



Belinda is a self-taught artist, expressing her love for nature and its fragile beauty through her passion for art. As a child growing up in Missouri in a family of nine, art was a favorite recreation that manifested itself into dreams of painting dolphins and whales in Hawaii.

Her high school and college years found her preoccupied with math, languages and the sciences. Her social awareness led her to graduate with honors from the University of Missouri as a social worker, and she worked in the Kansas City inner city. This work did not fulfill her true passion and satisfy the need inside for artistic pursuits.

One year later, she began to paint, without any training. Painting was part-time until 1995, when a mastectomy motivated her to make positive choices in her life; one of which was to focus on art.

Fifteen years of painting portraits helped to develop her discipline to paint what she sees. Revealing a person’s spirit, bringing them to life on canvas, is an art she applies to her animal subjects, above and below the surface of the sea. Maui is her home of 27 years. The joy and wonder of Maui’s diverse natural beauty are portrayed as if one were looking through a window.

Belinda’s works are cherished for her technical skills as well as their aesthetic qualities. Her style is traditional, applying the oil and acrylics by stroke of the brush, without even putting pencil on her canvas. Thousands of brush strokes and countless transparent layers create silken smoothness and rich texture to delight and bring a joyful experience to the heart of the beholder.

Works by Belinda are currently collected around the world. Belinda can be emailed directly at [belinda@gallerie505.com](mailto:belinda@gallerie505.com). To see more of Belinda’s stunning creations, please visit her websites at [www.gallerie505.com](http://www.gallerie505.com) and [www.belindaleigh.com](http://www.belindaleigh.com).

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