

CONTEMPORARY REALISM: SHANNON ABBEY



Shannon Abbey is best known for her expressive and vivid animal portraiture and landscapes, her masterful painting style, strong drawing skills, and her ability to capture the personality of her subjects.

She combines the traditional techniques of Old Masters Portraiture with Contemporary Realism of Northern California. Her paintings are exhibited in numerous private collections throughout the United States, Australia and the United Kingdom.

Shannon was born in Oregon, raised in Washington state where she received a BA in Visual Communication at Western Washington University. She moved to San Francisco from the Pacific Northwest to complete a rigorous course of study at the Academy of Art University with illustrator Barbara Bradley. In July of 2022 she was the Sperry Chalet resident artist in Glacier National Park, Montana.

Formerly on the faculty of the Academy of Art and at California College of Art in San Francisco, Shannon lives and works in Petaluma California along with her husband, cartoonist Pete McDonnell and their son Jacob. She is assisted by studio dog Molly.

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