

ACTION BEQUIA - AUCTION CATALOGUE 2025

All auction lots (as listed below) will be on view from 5.30 pm at The Plantation House Hotel during the Gala Reception on Saturday February 22nd 2025

1. "Freed From the Forest" — Suzanna Roxburgh

Hand painted driftwood 10.5" x 10.5" x 2.5"

Guide Price \$175 – 250 USD



A charming and evocative collection of hand painted driftwood collected by Suzanna over the years mounted in their own standalone box. [click to expand](#)

2. "Shellese" —Bajan Donor

14" x 10"

Guide Price \$175 - 250 USD

A Beautiful Hand painted nautilus shell of sculptured clay mounted on its own plinth.

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3. "From the Deep" — Bajan Donor

14" x 13"

Guide Price \$175 – 300 USD



A powerful recreation of the Giant Clams Living Peacefully beneath the Seas.

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4. Song of the Sea - Donated by Agnetha Nanton

Hand-painted batik cotton wrap 40"H x 70" W

Guide Price \$200 - 300 USD

A beautiful handcrafted batik made in St Vincent for Agnetha Nanton's Garden Boutique in Bequia. Agnetha has been specializing in fine batik for over 35 years and her pieces are in a number of collections around the world. Can be used as a wrap or a scarf, or even framed as a wall hanging. [click to expand](#)



5. Tender Loving Care – Jeremy Payne

Patchworked Fabric on wooden dowel 75" x 37"

Guide Price \$280 - 400 USD



Jeremy Payne is a successful multi-disciplinary artist and entrepreneur born and raised in St Vincent and the Grenadines. His background is rooted in the fine arts with extensions into the fashion design and creative direction where he's gained significant recognition. He represented SVG in the Commonwealth fashion exchange 2018 showing his work at Buckingham Palace. This piece is a reflection in fabric of a diverse modern society, inclusive of an array of colourful people from varying backgrounds, interests and dynamics... all in sync to create a cohesive and holistic community. He views it as testament to how our differences unite us. [click to expand](#)

6. Manta Ray with Mother of Pearl - By Objet Luxe of London 10" x 16.5"

Guide Price \$400 – 1,000 USD

This beautifully crafted piece is listed in Objet Luxe's catalogue at around USD600 appreciated by collectors worldwide. [click to expand](#)



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7. Sandstorm Pomegranate - Carolinda Tolstoy

Faience and gold lustre vase with book 12" x 4"

Guide Price \$400 - 1000 USD

Small but beautiful, this collector's piece from world renowned ceramic artist Carolinda Tolstoy is a chance to acquire a small part of her exquisite creations. Whilst somewhat understated in itself, the accompanying book (signed) reveals the true scope of her accomplishment. [click to expand](#)



8. "Aphrodite" 2017- Morris Nicholson

Painted wood sculpture 9" x 7"

Guide Price \$950 - \$1750 USD



Here is probably the last chance to acquire a memory of the Bequia that was. Morris Nicholson spent most of his life working at sea. He first saw Bequia in 1954 and dropped anchor permanently in 1985. From his ingenious solar-powered home overlooking the Atlantic on Hope Estate, Morris perfected his lifelong woodworking skills, fashioning striking and sensuous pieces from fallen Bequia trees. His work was inspired by early 20th century painters and sculptors, especially Brancusi, Jean Arp and Modigliani. The sculptures are mostly interpretations of works by these masters, modified in size by the Bequia cedar available. In previous Action Bequia auctions larger pieces have fetched up to USD4,000. This small, sensuous statuette was given by the artist to Louise Mitchell who has generously added it to our auction. It is an enduring tribute to a remarkable man. [click to expand](#)

9. Octopus - Rick Schella

Glass Sculpture on pewter stand 21" x 17"

Guide Price \$1,000 - 2,000 USD

Rick Schella has been visiting Bequia for the past 38 years and holds a deep love for the island. Working in glass for the past 45 years, he is much sought after as a creator of hundreds of memorial windows for churches, synagogues and mausoleums. This beautiful sculpture of an octopus is made of multiple layers of fused glass with a patinated pewter stand and sandstone base and has its own custom carrying storage case. When viewed from either side, Rick's unique fused glass creations are true collectors' items and we are pleased to offer another example this year

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10. Flat Fish - Max Tannahill

Wooden sculpture with copper roves 22" L x 9" W

Guide Price \$1,200 – 2,900 USD



A wonderfully tactile piece of sculpture from UK based Max Tannahill, contrasting a smooth undulating wood finish with the surface texture created by a series of applied decorative copper roves. Max started carving his beautiful fish from the plentiful supply of driftwood gleaned from the shoreline and estuaries of the Essex Coast where he lives. Since we first featured his pieces 6 years ago, he has found great favor in the US so his prices have doubled. His pieces are always sold out and this is a great opportunity to enjoy one.

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11. Antique Singer treadle sewing machine 1910

Guide Price \$500 – 1,200 USD

Verified as being built on Clydebank Scotland in 1910 (serial number F9187555) by the International Sewing Machine Collectors Society and still in working order, this antique treadle sewing machine evokes the image of grandmother sitting sewing under the light from a kerosene lamp. One can imagine the chattering sounds of the treadle permeating the evening air. A wealth of information is available on the internet to assist in operating, threading and maintaining this machine. A can of machine oil is essential to keep it sounding sweet. It will make an interesting and splendid addition to many Bequian houses. Discovered lying abandoned in a cupboard at Bequia Slip some twenty years ago it has been brought to operating condition with love and attention by donor Neil Sanders. It is now time for it to find a new home. [click to expand](#)



12. Deluxe Sextant Astra 111B By Celestaire

13" X 11" X 6.5"

Guide Price \$500 – 1,200 USD

A beautiful unused marine sextant in lightweight aluminium alloy from Celestaire. Perfect for someone who wants to master this skillful art or simply enjoy having a beautiful precision instrument there as an evocative statement in their home. Kindly donated by Susan Stevens. [click to expand](#)



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13. Rare Handmade Fan - Matthews Fan company - With instruction manual

28H" x 29" W

Guide Price \$950 – 3,000 USD



Handmade version of the Dagny, the Duplo Dinamico made for the upmarket Matthews Fan Company in Brazil. It is in beautifully polished copper and with mahogany blades that rotate and swivel in several directions bringing highly effective cooling with immense style. If you have the right space for this it will make an eye-catching addition to your home. Fully checked out and working but may require a speed controller available from the manufacturer Expert advice on how to hang and commission is offered by electrical engineer Neil Bellamy.

Donated by Eric Johnson

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14. Luxury Manhattan Apartment for one week.

Guide Price \$2500 - 4500 USD

The building is an architectural award winner with 24-hour concierge service, constructed in 1967 on a very special street with mostly private homes (brownstones) and old trees. The designer decorated guest suite with bathroom is a great location if you want to do all the best things NY City has to offer. The neighborhood has an abundant selection of great restaurants in every price range and cuisine. And a convenient subway stop close by. Hotel accommodation in this location to this standard would be around USD\$1000 a night.

Donated by Sarah Friend



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15. “Our Daughter’s Pony” — Donnie Collins

Composite on Canvas

20” x 16”

Guide Price \$350 – 950 USD



Well-known Vincentian radio presenter and former host of NBC’s daily ‘People and Places’ morning show - Donnie Collins is a self-taught mixed media artist who has been drawing and painting since childhood. His previous 3 entries at our 2023 auction were in the style of the renowned French artist, le Douanier Rousseau, with fantastical ideas seeming to come unbidden from his unconscious. This time Donnie has painted an affectionate rendition of a horse’s head that could make a perfect present for a horse mad daughter or granddaughter.

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16. “Admiralty Bay from Ma Peggy” - Rhea Cordice

Acrylic on Canvas 24H" x 36W"

Guide Price: \$350 - 950 USD

One of two young artists being mentored by the highly respected Sir Calvert Jones, Rhea Cordice grew up on the shores of Bequia, where the vibrant hues of the ocean and the rhythmic sway of boats inspired her love of art. Her paintings capture the essence of this coastal paradise, reflecting the beauty and tranquility of island life. Rhea's art has recently gained significant recognition. This one appears on the cover of the year's 2024/ 25 'Ins and Outs' magazine - a prestigious showcase of Caribbean creativity and culture.

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17. “Complete Bequia” — Amie Gooding

Acrylic on Canvas 36” H x 24” W

Guide Price: \$350 - 950 USD



The second of two young artists being mentored by Sir Calvert Jones. Amie's impressionistic outline of Bequia from above will bring poignant and joyful memories to many.

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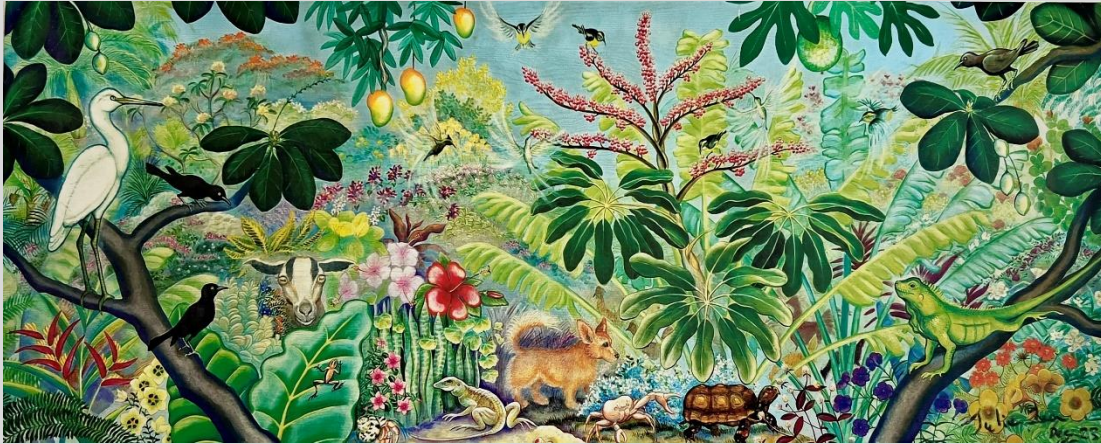
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18. “Tropical Paradise” - Julie Lea

Print on Canvas

14” H x 38” W

Guide Price: \$350 - 950 USD



Living on Bequia since 1978, Julie Lea needs little introduction as her work is widely acclaimed and collected. Her evolving styles over the years lovingly harness the vibrancy and visual stimulation Bequia provides. She has been keenly bid for at the previous six auctions and at the last one in 2023 her 'Bequia Beach Girls' secured a record price of USD 7,800.

Sadly, Julie is not able to paint at the moment, but this reproduction of one of her classic canvases is probably the last one available and will make an evocative addition to almost any room. [click to expand](#)

19. “The Lovers” - Kathryn Oliver

Mixed Media Assemblage on Wood 15.5” H x 9” W

Guide Price \$350 - 500 USD

Kathryn Oliver is a visual, career artist who weaves ancient folklore, fairy tale themes and poetry into paintings and mixed media theatre productions. Kathryn is well known for her large paintings inspired by the stained-glass windows of both grand cathedrals and ancient village churches she visited across Europe. Then she began printing them small, hand-painting each print and mounting them on wood embellished with handcrafted clay ornaments. They can be placed on a wall or near a candle, inviting one to go beyond ordinary reality to a more contemplative inner world.

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20. “Oshun, the Sun Goddess” –Zen Punnet

Oil on canvas 24” x 18”

Guide Price \$350 - 950 USD



Inspired by the beauty around her famous ‘Bush Bar high up in the Buccament Valley, Zen’s work is whimsical, empowering, and calming, blending vibrant colours and energetic movements with elements of abstract and realism. She aims to create a deep connection with her viewers, inviting them to feel the stories behind each piece.

A celebration of feminine strength, beauty, and resilience. A queen surrounded by radiance, symbolizing her divine connection to light and growth.

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21. “Angel Numbers” — Zen Punnett

Oil on Canvas (Sold as a Pair)

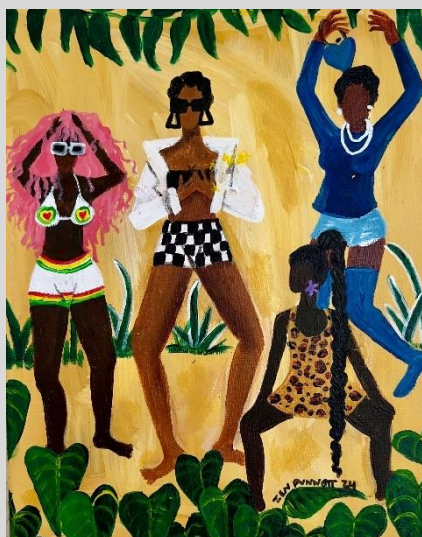
10” H x 6” W (each)

Guide Price \$350 - 950 USD

A celebration of freedom through dance, rooted in culture. These vibrant depictions honour the unbreakable connection between movement, nature, and heritage.”.

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22. “Bequia Vibes” — Zen Punnett

Oil on Canvas 18” H x 14” W Guide Price \$350 - 950 USD

An abstract expression of the island’s essence—sea, sun, and sand. Capturing the idle relaxation, freedom, and energetic vortex of Bequia, infused with angel numbers for guidance and harmony.

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The next four fabulous paintings are from Simon Chinnery who comes from a family of notable artists stretching back to the 18th century. They reflect His own personal journey full of ups and downs... and ups ...through life. He is represented by galleries in both London and Brighton and is enthusiastically held by several of the houses in Bequia.

23. "WAR & PEACE" - SIMON CHINNERY

Acrylics and Inks 36" H x 36" W
Guide Price \$1,000 - 2,500 USD

In this very visual work Simon captures the feelings of conflict present in both nature and ourselves. This should be a creative process of renewal but can also be destructive. The river of life flows endlessly underneath all the drama and transient moods.

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24. "... AS I LAY DREAMING"

- SIMON CHINNERY



Oils Ink and Acrylic on Canvas 36" H x 48" W
Guide Price: \$1000 - 2,500 USD

Painted over several years I wanted to capture a restless night sky and a sense of being in a forest alive with magical activity. As in a dream, where I walk into a clearing and there is Pan-like celebration of Earth energy in plants, animals and the spirit of the forest.

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25. "LIKE THE DAWN LIGHT RISING" - SIMON CHINNERY

Acrylic, Oils, Pastels & Gold paint 36" H x 36" W
Guide Price \$1,000 - 2,500 USD

Painted during a critical illness when I was really struggling. I had an urgent need to capture this abundant, golden light, wild and insistent, striking through the gloom. It's deliberately impulsive and even child-like. A painting to feel.

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26. “KELP FOREST” - Simon Chinnery

Acrylic on Canvas

50” H x 38” W

Guide Price \$1,000 to 2,500 USD



This was painted during lockdown. I discovered living wallpaper videos of nature online. This one was of an Australian kelp forest. Nothing much happened. The tide swayed the kelp mesmerically and an occasional large fish would glide majestically past. Very calming in challenging times.

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27. “ Sea Song ”, Series1,11,111 Steve Winsborough

Acrylic & Resin on Canvas 12” x 12”

sold as separate lots, Guide Price \$350 to 500 USD each

Steve Winsborough is a self-taught artist of English and Grenadian heritage. He has lived and worked in SVG, Grenada and Barbados where his paintings have been exhibited in major galleries and sold to private collectors worldwide. His work is always well received at our Gala Auctions



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“The sea is the favourite symbol for the unconscious, the mother of all that lives. The sea is like music, it has all the dreams of the soul within itself and sounds them over”. Steve says, “I love this metaphor from Carl Jung”. I try to capture a small piece of that feeling through my work.”

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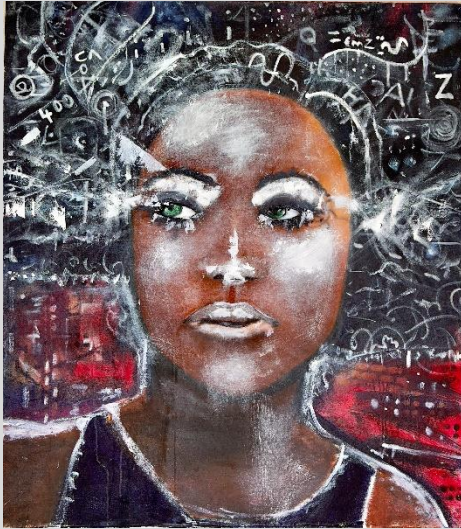
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28. "Hope" - Steve Winsborough

Oil on Canvas 48"H x 42" W

Guide Price \$1,500 – 2,500 USD



Whilst primarily known for his seascapes Steve has long been intrigued by the kaleidoscope of striking faces around one. This was painted from a series of photographs taken in Barbados.

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29. "Baliceaux and Battowia" 2024-Dan Feldman

Oil on Panel 24" H x 36" W

Guide Price \$1,500 – 2,500 USD

Dan Feldman is an award-winning visual artist and designer whose work has been exhibited in museums and galleries across the United States. He trained at the world-renowned MFA Metals program at SUNY New Paltz and his sculpture, paintings and design work are included in numerous private collections including the estates of Jack Lenor Larsen, Bonnie Cashin and Marcuse Pfeiffer. His work spans an eclectic range of media and subject matter.

We expect this brooding view across the water to Baliceaux and Battowia to be keenly bid for by collectors.

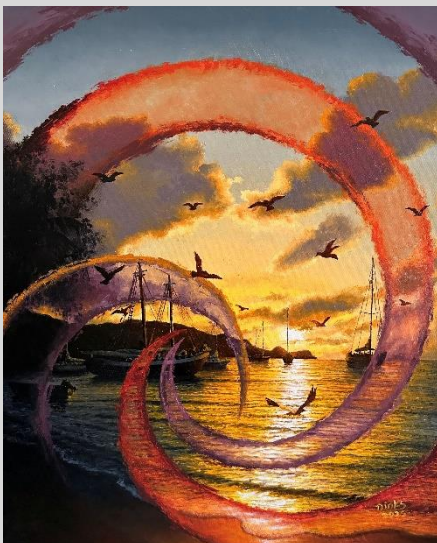
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30. "Bequia Sunset" - Dinks Johnson

Oil on Canvas 27" H x 22" W

Guide Price \$1,500 – 2,500 USD



Born in 1952 Dinks Johnson has long been considered one of St Vincent's foremost visual artists. The enduring appeal of his work lies in his ability to render light and shade and that interplay of light and air is beautifully captured in this charming picture of a Bequia Sunset. Dinks has exhibited all over the Caribbean, and in New York and Washington DC. Notable collectors have included HRH Princess Margaret and Lord Glenconner in Mustique.

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31. “Windward View” – Shelly Mitchell

Oil on Canvas 30” H x 25” W

Guide Price \$1,500 – 2,500 USD

Canadian and a Bequia homeowner, Shelly Mitchell, worked as an architectural draftsman before returning to the Nova Scotia College of art and design where she earned her bachelor's degree in painting and art history. Since then, she has shown professionally in both group and solo exhibitions in all the maritime provinces. Her work is represented in the Canadian fund state art collection in Ottawa as well as many private and corporate collections in Canada, the United States and Europe. She is another talented artist to pop up on the Bequia scene and this work will strike a chord with many who visit the Caribbean and want a memory to take home with them.

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32. “A Fine Catch” – Sir Calvert Jones

Acrylic on Canvas 36” H x 53” W

Guide Price \$1,500 – 2,500 USD



Sir Calvert Jones is an internationally acclaimed artist and entrepreneur from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, celebrated as the pioneering force behind the trademarked Tropical Realism™ movement. In recognition of his significant contributions to the arts and culture, he was recently knighted by the Knights of Malta.

His art captures the vibrant essence and dynamic energy of Caribbean life, blending realism with the rich cultural tapestry of the tropics. His work is represented in prestigious collections worldwide including part of the permanent collection at the Museum of the Americas in Washington D.C. We are fortunate to have this memorable scene of fisherman bringing in their catch as part of our auction today. [click to expand](#)

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33. "Carnival 1" - Arline Erdrich

Acrylic and Mixed Media ('Acryllage') 62" H x 48" W Guide Price \$4,000 – 10,000 USD

Arline Erdrich (1936-2011) was a professional artist from the USA with her own very special mixed media technique she called 'Acryllage'. She worked over a period of 30 years in the art community which surrounded James Rosenquist - who has often been compared with other well-known figures of the pop art movement Roy Lichtenstein and Andy Warhol. Arline spent two summers in St Vincent and the Grenadines producing art for her future exhibition Caribe Memento 2005. She was inspired by the SVG carnival and collected materials for the paintings, such as feathers, plastics and glitter which were used to produce a series of three. She also produced two floor cloths, one of which was sold to Orlando Bloom the famous actor for \$8000 USD in 2005 and one to Friendship Bay Hotel for \$6000 USD. As a trawl through her website will show, Arline's work has been shown in an impressive range of galleries and exhibitions worldwide with a measure of her reputation being, in 2004 the Gulf Coast Museum of Art's exhibition called 'Merging - Emerging Arline Erdrich - a 30 year Retrospective'

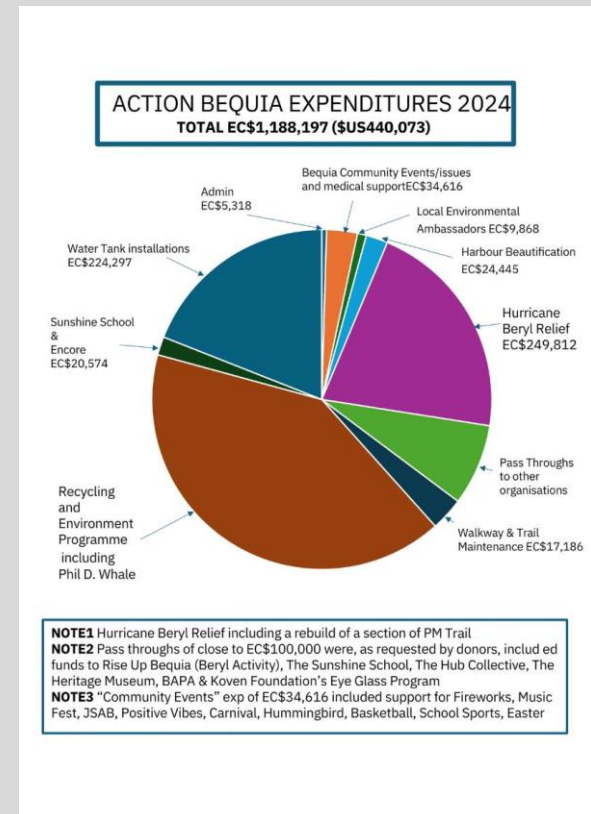
First in a series of three Carnival paintings, these were sold for \$5000 USD each in 2005. This one has been very generously **donated by Wendy Leighton** with 50% of the proceeds going to Junior Sailors. It's a rare chance to buy a significant work and do much good in the process.

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