

## The Basics

Hi, I'm Yelena Dyumin, both a professional artist and teacher. The creation and refinement of my unique style of art has been something I've spent decades perfecting. Although I'm a current resident of Sydney, Australia, I was born and raised in Omsk, Russia. As a result of this mixed culture, my aim has been to blend my eclectic background in European art, experiences, and classics with the fresh Australian colors of both life and nature I've come to find.

## Inspiration

I'm most passionate about painting and drawing and have been involved with the two since childhood. I've always loved the experience of losing myself in thought and diving into the world of art and imagination. This creative introspection allows me to produce art that is not only beautiful, but one-of-a-kind. I've been told again and again that this uncanny ability to illustrate the exceptional beauty of everyday life is what makes my artwork lovable.

Throughout my career, I've accumulated a vast repertoire of artistic techniques that have allowed me to better illustrate my intentions as an artist. My aim is to create unforgettable works and impart a deep emotional connection between objects and human beings whenever I begin a new piece. As a result, most of my work conveys the synthesis between Eastern and Western art, the figurative and the abstract, and the real and imaginary.

## Education

I am a highly educated and experienced artist as well as an accomplished lecturer specializing in painting, graphics, and art history/theory. I graduated with a Master of Fine Arts in Painting at Omsk State University, with first class honors. About a year later, I began my 14 year career as a lecturer in Fine Arts at the same university. During that time, from 1992 -1994, I took an Advanced Master Course in Fine Arts at the Repin State Academic Institute for Painting, Sculpture and Architecture in St. Petersburg, Russia as well as a Professional Fine Arts Master Class at V.I. Surikov State Academic Art Institute in Moscow, Russia.

I've been involved in a number of professional organizations throughout my career such as the Russian Association of Painters & Sculptors and the Russian Academy of the Arts. Today, I am an active member of the Australian Multicultural Arts & Media Association. I have been featured in prominent art galleries and exhibitions in Russia, Europe, Asia, the Middle East as well as Australia.

As a result of my education and experience, my finely tuned mixed media techniques encompass numerous art forms such as acrylic, oil, watercolor, pastel, pencil, pen and ink, graphite, charcoal, etching, lithography and xylography.

I believe that my constant exposure to new ideas and types of art is what has allowed me to develop into the artist I am today.

I am a passionate artist and my ultimate aim is to focus on the quality of my work rather than the quantity of it and impart a small piece of myself as an artist into each and every one of my creations.