

Sept/Oct featured artist

# Joanne Probyn

Joanne Probyn is a contemporary artist best known for her acrylic, abstract paintings and hand embroidery. She inherits her creativity from a family line of painters, craftspeople and performing artists. Probyn works between her Vancouver, urban, Eastside Atelier art studio and her home in bucolic, coastal South Delta.

Her painting experience spans decades with a through-line of growth, the human condition and interconnection. Probyn has collaborated on multiple murals, including two in the *Vancouver Mural Festival*. She began hand embroidery alongside her mother in 2019.

Past professional activities include teaching therapeutic art for over eight years. Probyn was recently hired by *Eastside Arts Society* to teach at *CREATE! Arts Festival*. While living in New York, she mentored for the *High School of Art and Design*, an institution for gifted students.

Probyn's creative pursuits have been exhibited and published widely, including *Fun Size*, an art book published by *Jen Tough Gallery*, New Mexico. Career heights include local and international awards such as *North Van Arts Award for Excellence in Painting*. Her art is regularly featured in the *Canadian Cancer Society* prestigious *Daffodil Ball*, a charity she holds dear as she and her brother are cancer survivors.

A passionate community builder, Probyn has organized film screenings, workshops and concerts. She has been a *First Saturday* steering committee member for over two years.

Probyn has studied with teachers including renowned painter *Kiff Holland* and *Governor General Award* recipient *Eric Metcalfe*. She completed her *IDEA School of Design* education at *Capilano University* and holds a certificate in marketing management from the *University of British Columbia (UBC) Sauder*.

Her artwork is collected locally and internationally. View Probyn's art during most *First Saturdays* or at *Eastside Culture Crawl*. Next, she will be teaching watercolours, acrylics and squeegee art at *Ladner Village Arts & Crafts*.

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