

It's a Wonderful Life

Gerda Marschall skillfully interprets reality with poetry and passion in her internationally renowned paintings that are both elegant and energetic. An established Canadian artist, Gerda's works evoke both visual fascination and joyful emotions in viewers and collectors alike.

Born in southern Germany and raised in Montreal, Gerda graduated from McGill with a Bachelor of Commerce. She owned and managed a business for 15 years before dedicating herself full-time to her art. She went on to study at the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts and painted under the tutelage of Canadian painters Seymour Segal, Marilyn Rubenstein and the late Philip Iverson. In particular, Gerda credits Seymour Segal for awakening her celebrated spontaneity which has become even more pronounced with each subsequent collection. She was awarded Best of Show, National Capital Fine Art Festival, Ottawa, 1998.

Gerda lives in Eastern Ontario on the Ottawa River. Her passion for nature is obvious in the extensive garden and beautiful grounds that surround her studio. This innate beauty serves as a constant inspiration for her work. She also loves the freedom and challenge of riding horses and this attitude shines through in her paintings. Energetic bursts of pigment and bold strokes reflect her abundant energy and zest for life.

Gerda's expressionistic landscapes and exuberant florals form part of many corporate and private collections both in Canada and internationally. She is also a noted philanthropist and generously donates her paintings and time to charity.

Pink Lake, oil, 48" x 72"



My inspiration comes from the nature surrounding me. I am fortunate to live in the country overlooking the Ottawa River. The wonderful changes of the seasons and the weather encourage me to see things in so many forms.

Colours, clouds, water, shapes, trees, flowers, animals, birds - all show me that nothing is stagnant and all is open to interpretation and development.

I am also stirred to interpret sounds, smells, touch and taste to the canvas.

Joie de vie means my paints literally fly over the canvas portraying my feelings. Isn't life wonderful!

-- Gerda Marschall

Principal Collections

Aamcon Tradex, Hawkesbury, ON	Heather Grant, Minister, World Trade Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
Atari Corp., Sunnyvale, California	Ippersiel Communication
Bernard Boileau Engineering, Gatineau, QC	J. Alten Hauss Associates, Montreal
Capital Bank of Canada, Montreal	Location Empress, QC
Diana Carr, Attorney, Ottawa	Lynn Gould Interiors, Ottawa
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Children's Education Fund Inc., Toronto	Marquest Investments, ON
Chisolm	McCool Companies
Cosmopolitan Fine Arts	MediaLink Communication
Cruise Ship People, London, U.K.	Michael's Back Door, Mississauga
Dr. Chubb, McGill University, Montreal, QC	Michael's Hair Salon, Mississauga
Dr. Paul Dumas, Montreal, QC	Ontario College of Teachers, ON
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Haywood Securities, ON	Wyant Co. Ltd., Montreal, QC

Media Coverage

Magazin'art, biennial repertory of Canadian Artists in Galleries, 2004-2005 and ulterior years	Magazin'art, article, Winter 2003
Magazin'art, biennial guide to Canadian artists in galleries, 2002-2003 and prior years	Ottawa Citizen, April 2001
	Le Régional, weekly, May 2000
	The Review, June 1999

Selected Exhibitions

2009	Harbour Gallery, Mississauga
2007	Harbour Gallery, Mississauga
2006	Fall for Art, Eastern Ontario
2005	Harbour Gallery, Mississauga
2004	Galerie Yves Laroche, Montreal
2004	Artisan's Alley, London, ON
2003	Galerie Beauchamp, Baie St-Paul, QC
2003	Harbour Gallery, Mississauga
2002	Galerie D'Art Beauchamp & Beauchamp, QC
2002	Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal
2002	Harbour Gallery, Mississauga
2002	Ottawa Art Festival, Ottawa, ON
2001	Ottawa Art Festival, Ottawa, ON
2001	Fall for Art, Eastern ON
2001	Arbor Gallery, Eastern ON
2000	Galerie du Monde, Baltimore, MD
2000	Ottawa Art Festival, Ottawa
1999	Arbor Gallery, Eastern ON
1999	Ottawa Art Festival, Ottawa
1999	La Chute Cultural Centre, QC
1998	Fall for Art, Eastern ON
1997	Arbor Gallery, Eastern ON