



# Tanya Petruk

Armed with a BFA from University of Alberta, Tanya arrived in Toronto in 1998 ready to take on the world. She started with a broadcast graphics artist job on the show Exhibit A: Secrets of Forensic Science. Alas, the world of television production is fickle, so Tanya moved into web design for seven years before leaving to launch an internet boutique. Blue Blankie.com chugged along for four years. Now a mother of three, Tanya decided to pursue visual art full time.

Tanya has participated in numerous art shows and her work is enjoyed in private collections worldwide. She taught art classes in her studio and for Whitby Community Connections then got into restoring vintage movie posters for Backing to the Future. In her work preserving and restoring movie posters she enjoys returning rare cinema posters like Attack of the 50 Foot Woman to their former glory.

Then, in 2014 the world of television beckoned once again, although this time around Tanya is in front of the camera. Her program, Tanya's Art Studio, airs daily on Rogers TV Durham. As Community Producer for the show, Tanya demonstrates do-it-yourself art projects in pencil, acrylic and watercolour.

A skilled watercolour painter, Tanya launched [www.originalsportsart.ca](http://www.originalsportsart.ca), which focuses on her commissioned sports art work. Inspired by athletic accomplishment, Tanya paints active people and athletes, capturing their passion for sport in her work. Tanya's current fine art work is exploring new themes and materials. Her new direction in portraiture involves incorporating real hair into low relief carving with acrylic paint and epoxy resin. Intrigued by the symbolism of human genetics in hair, she chooses subject matter from the Pre-Raphaelite painters and the artists and architects of the Art Nouveau period and re-combines these elements into stunning and unique art works.



## Area of Expertise

- Painting in Watercolour and Acrylic
- Vintage movie poster restoration



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