

# NIKO

## BIOGRAPHY

Niko was born Nicole Mathieu in Montreal, Quebec in 1958. She was born into an artistic family and felt it was inevitable that she would also become an artist. She led a nomadic life for ten years, working as a designer and sales & marketing supervisor in the fashion industry. These positions allowed her to travel to Toronto, Paris and California.

When she returned to Montreal, she took the opportunity to focus more on her art. She attended "La Renaissance" School of Fine Art and the renown, Saidye Bronfman Centre as well as studying with artists, Carl Dubreuil and Nicole Bolduc.

Spontaneity is extremely important in Niko's paintings. This reflects her personality, which does not accept any constraining structure. Moreover, the artist gives a large place for imagination and play with illusions and non-verbal expressions.

Niko starts with an abstracted background and allows these forms to direct the placement of each of her figures in her paintings. The faces she paints are sensual, powerful, and very expressive. She has a love of bright and rich colours and applies her paint liberally and spontaneously to create a piece that is alive with energy.



## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2006 Zero Celsius, Ste. Adele, Quebec
- 2001 Chamber of Commerce, Montreal, Quebec
- 2000 Schwartzkoff International, Toronto, Ontario  
Malaga, Spain

## PUBLICATIONS

- Parcours, magazine article, 2005
- Pilityery Estates Winery, label, 2005
- Courrier Laval est, article, October 1999

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2005 Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 2004 Downey Gallery, Sante Fe, New Mexico
- 2002 Las Olas Fine Arts, Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
Opera Gallery, New York, New York

## COLLECTIONS

- Infomonde Translation, Montreal, Quebec
- Pilityery Winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario
- Pizzadelic Restaurant, Montreal, Quebec
- Polar Bear Club, Morin Heights, Quebec
- La Scala Hair Salon, Montreal, Quebec
- Schwartzkoff International, Toronto, Ontario
- Waxman Tuxedo, Montreal, Quebec