



# Benjamin Caunt

Having grown up in British Columbia and Alberta, Benjamin Caunt draws from the experiences of his youth when creating art. Throughout his life, enjoying nature and the outdoors has always been a passion of his and is reflected in his subject matter.

A self-taught artist who continues to experiment with different subjects and styles, Benjamin works especially hard at capturing not only the play of light and colour in his scenes, but in creating the illusion of texture and depth in a two dimensional world.

A sport fisherman and certified scuba diver, Benjamin finds the aquatic environment and how it relates to the surrounding above water habitat especially intriguing.

Through his work, Benjamin Caunt hopes to raise public awareness of our natural resources and the importance of preserving our natural heritage. His original paintings and reproductions can be found in corporate and private collections across North America.

Benjamin's painting, *Risky Business*, was selected to join Ducks Unlimited Canada's 2008 National Art Portfolio. This limited edition series is only available through Ducks Unlimited Canada fundraising initiatives. The money raised through this program supports Ducks Unlimited Canada's on-the-ground wetland conservation work, scientific research and education programs.



## The Inspiration for *Risky Business*

All fly fishermen have cast into a spot knowing there is a good possibility of coming up with a fish, but also an equally good possibility of ending up with a snapped leader when hooked. The coastal rivers of British Columbia are cluttered with dead fallen trees, providing cover for cutthroats and other species of trout. This painting represents the risk and reward of attempting to land one of these prizes.

