



Kelly Dodge

Considering her artistic talents to be divine gifts, Lakefield, Ont. artist Kelly Dodge feels it a great blessing to be surrounded by a natural world of beauty and discovery.

In what has been a whirlwind career as a professional artist, Kelly's first show was in 2001. Since then, Kelly has achieved much recognition internationally and has quickly become an acclaimed nature artist.

Primarily painting in pastel, Kelly is perhaps best known for her ongoing focus on birds, which are often combined inspirationally with traditional Christian hymns. She has also garnered much popularity for a series of pastel paintings portraying breathtaking views of the Northern Hemisphere constellations. Painting in her private studio at home, nature's inspiration continually beckons at her door.



Kelly's painting, *The Northern Cross*, 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 *The Northern Cross*

The configuration of stars in the constellation Cygnus is often said to resemble a swan. Looking closely, the constellation also has a strong similarity to the Christian cross and is often referred to as The Northern Cross. Here, the painting captures the Northern Cross in the northeast as it appears in June and July around 10:00 p.m.

Additional work by Kelly Dodge

Part of her constellation series, Kelly's painting Twilight Constellations captures the same physical and spiritual beauty as The Northern Cross and was previously selected to be part of Ducks Unlimited Canada's National Art Portfolio.



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