



# Michelle Grant

Born and raised in Calgary, Michelle Grant centres her work around her love for horses and the western way of life.

Grant brings a sound understanding of design, light, form and anatomy to all of her work. She is a versatile artist who excels in a variety of mediums and has gained international recognition for her talents – including several prestigious awards from the American Academy of Equine Art. Grant and her artwork have been featured on the award-winning *Cowboy Country Television* and *Help TV, Horses*. Her paintings have also been used as props on the CBC's *Heartland* television series.

Grant's painting *Winter Sky* was selected to join Ducks Unlimited Canada's 2009 National Art Portfolio. This limited edition series is available only through DUC fundraising initiatives. The money raised through this program supports DUC's on-the-ground wetland conservation work, scientific research and education programs.



## The Inspiration for *Winter Sky*

"The inspiration for the painting *Winter Sky* was to capture a classic winter scene in the Alberta foothills," says Grant. "With his back to the strong westerly winds, the horse's blowing mane and tail echo the stormy clouds. The shapes of the mountains are repeated in the form of his strong back, and the warmth of his coat is juxtaposed against the cool colours of winter."



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