



# Darren Haley

## Artist of the Year

Born in 1960, Calgary artist Darren Haley spends hours observing the habitat and behaviour of his wildlife subjects. This commitment to capturing wildlife in its natural state is apparent in the fine details of his incredibly realistic creations.

Haley's *Alpine Hunter* 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 *Alpine Hunter*

Geographically inspired by the great Canadian Rockies standing right outside his door, Haley created this piece using the mountains as a framework.

"Most pieces stem from a background I've viewed," Haley says. "Whether it's a mountain setting, a church window or something as simple as a fence, I imagine what would be in that setting had I come at a different time."

Having painted wolves several times before, Haley imagined *Alpine Hunter* – a stately grey wolf perusing the rocky terrain.

### Additional work by Darren Haley

This is the second time Darren Haley has been selected as DUC's Artist of the Year. In 2000, he was chosen for his piece *Ladies First*. Additionally, many other prints including *Soft Shadows*, *Passing 60*, *Full House*, *The Stunning Rock*, *Jewel* and *Parkland Winter* have been recognized in previous DUC National Art Portfolios.



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