



Patrice Wolput

Patrice Wolput was born in Sabrevois, an agricultural town some 50 kilometres from Montreal. Growing up on his parents' farm, he soon manifested a love of nature and a talent for drawing.

After earning a degree in Fine Arts at the University of Quebec in Montreal, Wolput explored a number of different avenues including working as a scene painter for cinema. His fascination with nature eventually led him to devote himself entirely to wildlife painting. The intimate link between an animal and its habitat is particularly intriguing to him, and his heightened and intuitive sense of this is obvious in his work.

Wolput's painting *Searching For* 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 *Searching For*

"It was the beginning of winter and I was walking in the forest just behind my home when I saw these ruffed grouse," says Wolput. "I ran back home to get my camera, and luckily for me they were still there when I came back. I took close-ups of the birds in different positions, but it took several sketches back in the studio before I was satisfied with the piece."

Additional work by Patrice Wolput

Another piece from Wolput's celebrated collection has been recognized by Ducks Unlimited Canada. His painting *Rendezvous* was selected as part of a previous National Art Portfolio and named DUC's Artist of the Year in 1999.

