



Denis Mayer Jr.

At a young age, British Columbia painter Denis Mayer Jr. began devoting his life to art. He would spend countless hours training and working with his father to hone his artistic talents. Today, Mayer is recognized as an inspiring and extremely talented young artist.

First working with charcoal to draw barns and a variety of other subjects, he later began exploring with paint. Soon after, Mayer discovered his true passion was to paint nature – a genre where his fine attention to detail shines through.

Mayer's *Mother's Love* was selected to join Ducks Unlimited Canada's (DUC) 2010 National Art Portfolio. This limited edition series is available only through DUC fundraising initiatives. The money raised through this program supports DUC's *Wetlands for Tomorrow* campaign.

Wetlands for Tomorrow is the largest conservation fundraising campaign in the history of North America. It spans three countries as DUC works alongside Ducks Unlimited, Inc. in the United States and Ducks Unlimited Mexico to conserve wetlands for waterfowl, other wildlife and people.



The Inspiration for *Mother's Love*

In Mayer's painting, a proud lioness sprawls upon the grass with her small cubs.

"Just as a human mother cares for and protects her children, the lioness nurtures and protects her offspring," Mayer says. "My picture depicts this universal maternal emotion that we often see among animals."

Additional work by Denis Mayer Jr.

Several paintings by Denis Mayer Jr. have been selected by DUC for inclusion in previous National Art Portfolios, including *Beauty at Rest*, *Still of the Night* and *Morning Majesty*.



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