

about the artist...



Henri de Groot



*H*enri de Groot produces highly refined Portraits of the West out of his home studio west of Edmonton, Alberta. He works in graphite and oil to produce beautifully detailed images of people and horses that often convey his sense of humour and reveal a glimpse of a real-life cowboy or rancher.

De Groot produces his yearly output evenly between colour (oil) and black and white (pencil). Oil lends itself well for landscape scenes to capture the subtle shades and light of nature, while pencil drawings give the portraits depth and old-time Western feel.

Completely self-taught, the artist feels the most important element of any artwork, is light and composition, and no amount of technique will overcome the lack of those basic elements.

De Groot's works are exclusively figurative and his unique ability to capture the character and likeness of his subjects, plus the incredible crisp style has won him numerous accolades.

Looking back on more than a decade as one of Canada's premier portrait artists, de Groot said he is extremely grateful the vocation came naturally to him.

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