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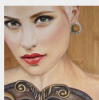
*Promising Artist at Art Walk North this Weekend*

Patrick Connors – Toronto: Malinda Prud'homme is in her second year as a professional artist. "The first year was a struggle financially", she admitted. "Luckily, (her fiancée) Darren is very supportive of me pursuing art full time. Now, work is coming in more steadily, partly through Facebook, Twitter, and free ads.

"I have also done a varied body of work, from a commissioned piece appearing in the lobby of the office where I used to work, to a book cover. However, portraiture is my passion.

"I love the Renaissance period of art. I went to Italy and got to see the Sistine Chapel, painted by Michelangelo. Botticelli celebrated curvy women with natural beauty. I am just so moved by painters who have the ability to create from something so natural. There is very little of that these days."

Her 2012 painting, "Modern Warrior Beauty", was done with a very specific goal in mind. "I wanted to get it into a magazine which has tattooed women called Missy/Ink. She is totally a figment of my imagination, but I have had people come up to me and say, "Oh yeah, I know her". It's very funny."



Modern Warrior Beauty – Malinda Prud'homme

"I want my work to force people to see beauty comes in all shapes and sizes. I am hoping to get people empowered about their own bodies.

"I have something in mind where I am going to use myself as a model. I'm still coming to grips with it, and preparing myself to be seen in this way. It will be very tasteful."



Winter Beauty – Malinda Prud'homme

Her 2013 piece "Winter Beauty" features someone Prud'homme knows very well. "My friend Ashley Sirianni came into my life over last winter when she attended one of my shows. She has brought so a lot of happiness into my life. She is just a beautiful person inside and out.

"I like to focus a lot on faces, to celebrate each woman's uniqueness. To stop with all the cover up of natural beauty."

Prud'homme comes across as someone who believes very strongly in her vision and her talent, while also seeking to bring people into a dialogue which will be mutually beneficial.

This weekend, she takes part in the inaugural "Art Walk North", presented by the Artists Network, at Mel Lastman Square. She will be in Booth 42 on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM, and on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 AM-6:00 PM.

For more information about the event, please visit: <http://artistsnetwork.ca/node/401>

For more information about the artist, please visit: [www.MalindaPrudhomme.com](http://www.MalindaPrudhomme.com)

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