

## **MICHAEL ABRAHAM - Biography**

Described as "hip" in Star magazine, Michael Abraham's personal coups have included sold out shows and shining reviews in the Vancouver Sun. He has had numerous one-man exhibitions, including at the Jan Baum Gallery in Los Angeles, and Gallery Jones in Vancouver. He was selected to showcase "Canada's artistic genius, representing the best of the contemporary scene" at the Asia Pacific Economic Conference (Apec'97). Abraham has been interviewed by the CBC, Vancouver Television and Urban Rush. His paintings have been on Common Ground magazine, Vancouver Symphony's Allegro, on the promotional material for the Vancouver Opera Society's 2008- 2009 season, as well as glimpsed at in InStyle magazine. Abraham's original oil paintings are in collections from London to Singapore, and Philadelphia to Amsterdam. With work in the Vancouver Art Gallery, and various corporate, public and private collections there are also two paintings in the collection of Courtney Cox and David Arquette.

Born in Montreal (1965), Michael Abraham began his studies in life drawing and compositional painting at the Ontario College of Art (1984-88). In his fourth year of OCA he was awarded the top figure drawing award. He was teacher's assistant during a year of postgraduate education in Florence, Italy (1990-91). At that time his studio was located in Piazza San Marco, in Florence, with a wealth of art and history to study and enjoy! Abraham has been painting full time since 1992. He travels to see art often, including two months spent in New York in the fall of 2005. Other than the odd crisis of mind, he enjoys music, food, fitness, piano playing, weekly figure drawing, nature and a happy family life. He currently lives and creates in Vancouver, British Columbia.