



Danielle O'Connor Akiyama

Painting in a variety of media, Danielle creates **luminous floral images** that vibrate with life, **energy and colour**, whether through a riotous party of flowers or a single magnificent blossom. She has received numerous awards for her paintings which she describes as "**sanctuaries for the soul.**"

Danielle is a Toronto-based Canadian Artist who has been painting for 30years. With a Master's Degree in **Art Therapy**, she worked with people of all ages helping them to achieve personal change through the use and enjoyment of art. Since leaving her work as a therapist Danielle has dedicated herself to a life of painting, but her understanding of psychology has had a profound influence on her **inspirational images**.

Danielle's style is **loose and impressionistic**, however she has always believed in the importance of each brush stroke. In order to gain a greater understanding and technical skill she studied sumi-e, Japanese brushpainting. Her distinctive **fusion of eastern and western** artistry has led to her works being highly prized by art collectors from both sides of the Pacific.