



Elsa SROKA PAINTER



"I paint because I need to." - Elsa Sroka

Elsa is a Colorado native from a family of six siblings, all of whom share the love of art and design. Mostly self-taught, Elsa's work is based on instinct rather than theory. Her inspiration can be selective, as when drawn from early childhood memories; particularly hours spent drawing at the kitchen table with her brothers and sisters overseen by their father. Her inspiration can also randomly unfold as she approaches a blank canvas with no preconceived ideas, not knowing where it will end up.

Her landscapes are mostly color-driven, finding inspiration in many sources including the various landscapes discovered in her travels, elements found in architecture, the imagery of other artists, and her own imagination. In Elsa's cow series, expression is the most important element; infusing the subject with personality. Emotional connection is necessary before painting can begin. She believes the ordinary subject becomes significantly more intriguing when misplaced, inviting the viewer to pay attention through the element of surprise. This idea can apply to many different subjects, encouraging appreciation of the more subtle qualities of beauty.

Winner of the "People's Choice Award" at the Colorado Plein Air Fest, her work has been featured in numerous shows throughout the West and on the East coast, as well as in various publications.

In the end, if Elsa is able to emotionally engage the viewer, she feels her work is complete. "I paint because I need to."

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