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Ron Burns Portrays Color, Affection

Whether "Mama Moo" or "Andy's Pop World," Ron Burns' vivid paintings of dogs, cats, and (yes, even cows!), jump off the canvas, out of the car, and into your heart. With a bright splash of color and a big dash of loving affection, Ron captures the sweet, starry-eyed affection of our favorite pets. Cute and curious canines, fun and festive felines, or finely feathered friends are colored with crowing glory on a Ron Burns canvas.

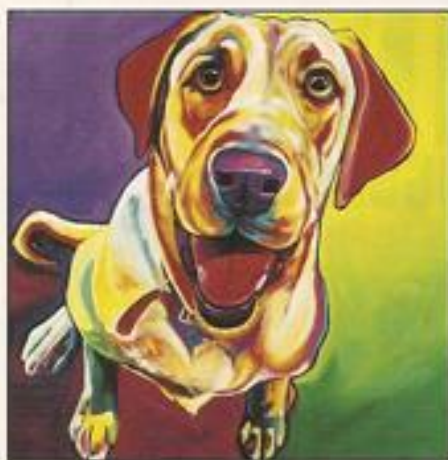
"I try to bring the color from the inside out" Ron says about his flamboyant palette. "Our pets are full of so much emotion, but how do you capture that on canvas? For me, it's the use of color."

The animals of Ron Burns gaze lovingly and longingly, beseeching the two-footed human viewer to 'come on, come closer.' This intense sense of magnetism is increased by Ron's attention to the dynamic emotion seen in the dog or cat's

eye. It's as if you, the viewer, are the only one in sight and are hypnotically drawn into your beloved pet's furry, soft-pawed world. In fact, Ron begins each painting with the eye, thus assuring that Burns captures the unique soul and individual personality of each animal.

A strong sense of caring led Ron Burns to use his own shelter "foundlings" as models in the beginning. Later in travels across the U.S., Ron painted animals that were up for adoption. Soon Ron's "shelter" portraits were highly sought after and brought him worldwide recognition. Ron's art began saving hundreds of pets as Ron donated a portion of the proceeds from each painting to the shelter or animal welfare organization in that region.

Realizing it was impossible to



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work with thousands of shelters individually, Burns partered with the Humane Society, the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, PetsMart charities, and pet care corporations to raise awareness and money through programs that benefit animal shelters. For his great service to our beloved, tail-wagging, four-footed friends, Ron Burns was honored as "Artist in Residence" by the National Humane Society.

So now when you look at the lab mix and her rescued litter of puppies, you know why that soulful eye, the bright red fur, a playful bounce of yellow, Mom and colorful pups reach off the canvas and tug at our heart-strings. With masterful, confident strokes and a mad, gleeful whimsy, Ron Burns creates art that like the dogs themselves cries "Take me home and hug me like I've never been loved before." Instant attraction. Fresh, affectionate, fun. Caring and helping. For, Ron believes "if my paintings can touch your heart, make you stop even for a

moment to focus on what's important in life, smell the roses, and chuckle a bit, then I've achieved my goal."

Art on Main, located at 1359 Main Street in St. Helena, welcomes back this exceptionally talented artist. Join them on Saturday, August 21, for a rare and wonderful treat to meet this dynamic humanitarian in person. Meet Ron at a special reception from noon to 3 p.m., where he will be signing copies of his book "The Dogs of Ron Burns" for you. Originals paintings and Ron Burns' newest Limited Editions on paper and canvas will be available. This is the perfect opportunity to have Ron dedicate a special piece of art to you and your pet.

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