## Biography

Iakov Afanassiev was born in Russia and has lived in Canada since 1995 where he started a professional art career. From his childhood Iakov was exposed to realistic Eastern European art and now tries to follow the classical tradition in his work. Iakov uses traditional materials of oil on canvas. His works include portraits, landscapes, figurative and still life paintings. His paintings are in the collections of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, City of St. John's as well as in many private collections. Iakov is represented by the Leyton Gallery of Fine Art in St. John's.