

## Biography

Tammy Flynn Seybold, M.A.C., has worked as an Art Conservator in both museums and the private sector. She is a specialist in the conservation and restoration of Modern paintings, and also an accomplished artist. Tammy was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. She studied Fine Art, Art History and Chemistry at the University of California at Berkeley, and achieved her Masters in Art Conservation at Queen's University in Canada. Her career as an Art Conservator has allowed her to work intimately with, and be inspired by, collections from The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, The National Art Gallery in Washington D.C. and The Art Gallery of Ontario. An avid ocean swimmer, snowboarder and hiker, Tammy is immersed in the subjects that inspire her own artwork. Having lived in California, France, Canada and Hong Kong, she has had the chance to witness both the sublime and the tragic in our relationships with mother nature. Her background as an Art Conservator inspires her to work with challenging materials such as gold leaf, rare pigments and found objects. Reflection, opalescence and transparency are common themes in her work, emphasizing not only the exquisite, but the ephemeral nature of the natural world around us. The fragility of the natural world indirectly extends to the human element in many of her pieces; images of caged birds from the Hong Kong bird market are used to evoke the dense and destitute living conditions for many in the world's wealthiest cities. She is also influenced by the rich history of the San Francisco Bay Area Figurative Movement, and it informs much of her live model studies in oil. Tammy Flynn Seybold's work has been exhibited in Toronto, Hong Kong and Vancouver. Most recently her paintings were shown in the Harmony Arts Festival Group Show in Vancouver, and she was selected as a Regional Finalist in the Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series 2106. Seybold is currently living and creating her art in West Vancouver, Canada.