

# FORUM

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**"Soul Inseparable" by Barbara Bickel**



## About the Artist

### BARBARA BICKEL

FRONT COVER:

"Soul Inseparable" (mixed media on board)

Barbara Bickel has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting from the University of Calgary and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Art History from the University of Alberta. She studied Italian and Art History at the School of Dante Alighieri in Rome, Italy, and studied pottery and weaving at the Banff School of Fine Arts. She is a co-founder of the Centre Gallery, a non-profit women's focus gallery and centre. Her paintings have been shown at several exhibitions



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**BARBARA BICKEL, B.A., B.F.A.**  
**FINE ARTIST**

and solo exhibitions and she is represented by the Vanderleelie Gallery in Edmonton, AB, and the Fran Willis Gallery in Victoria, BC. Her most recent exhibition was "The Spirituality of Eroticism" at the New Gallery.



**"Passionate Dignity" by Barbara Bickel**  
**MIXED MEDIA ON WOOD**

## Artists Statement

*By Barbara Bickel*

Art is an opportunity to connect with the universal human experience. It provides me with a voice to dialogue with that world. Reclaiming the female image as sacred in our society is a frontier that cannot be forged enough. Through collaboration with other people in my community my art expands beyond my own personal experience to collective social ritual that honours all aspects of the creative process.

The human figure is my vehicle of expression. Each creation is a relational journey between myself, the subject/co-creator, the surface/landscape/mindscape and the drawing medium. I continually work towards freeing the human form from the colonizing effects of the artist's ego.