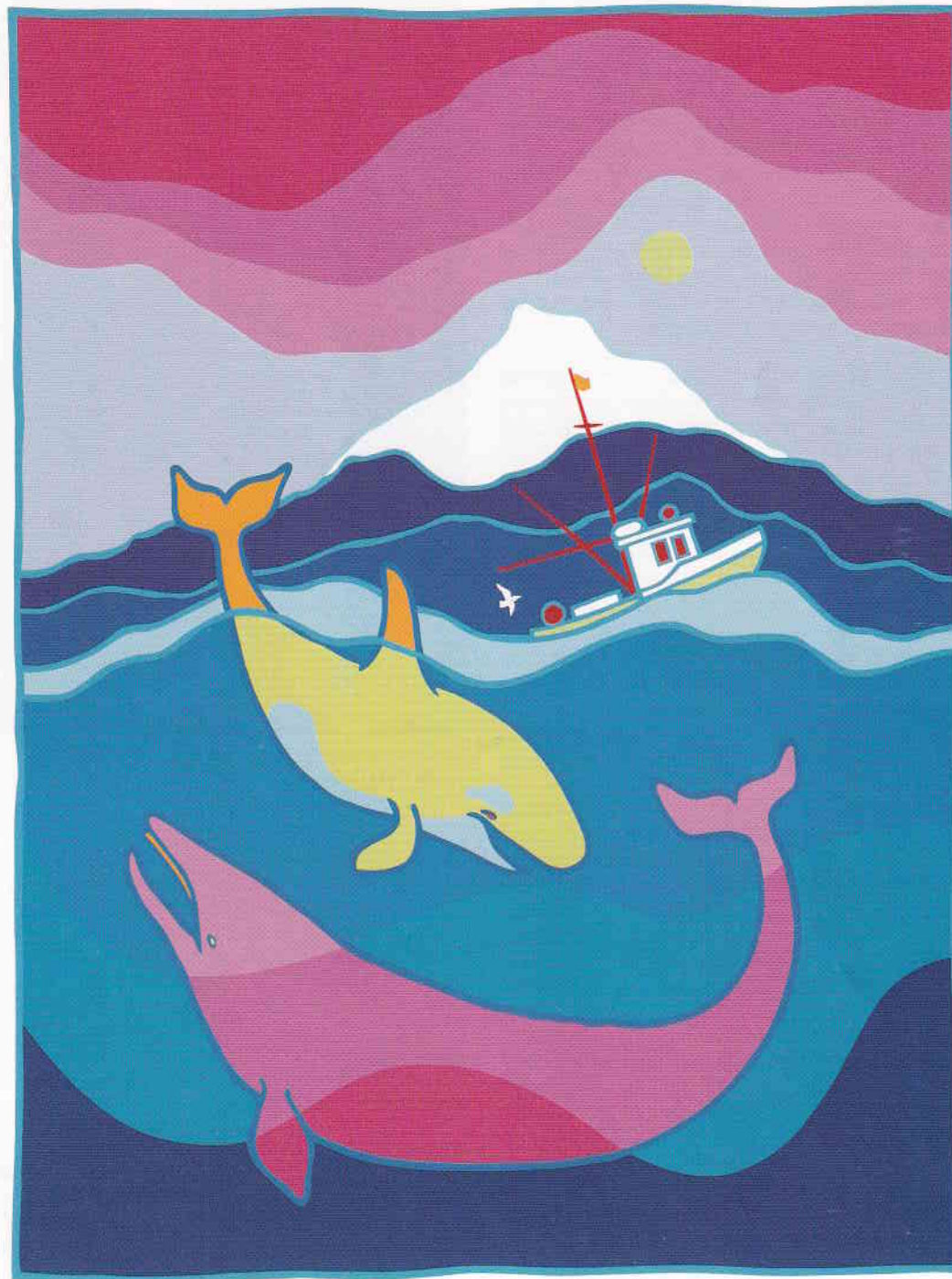


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TED HARRISON



WHALE FROLIC

16 colour serigraph, edition of 225, 25 artists' proofs
Signed and numbered by the artist
76 X 55 cm. [30 x 22"]
Released November 1994
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Ted Harrison

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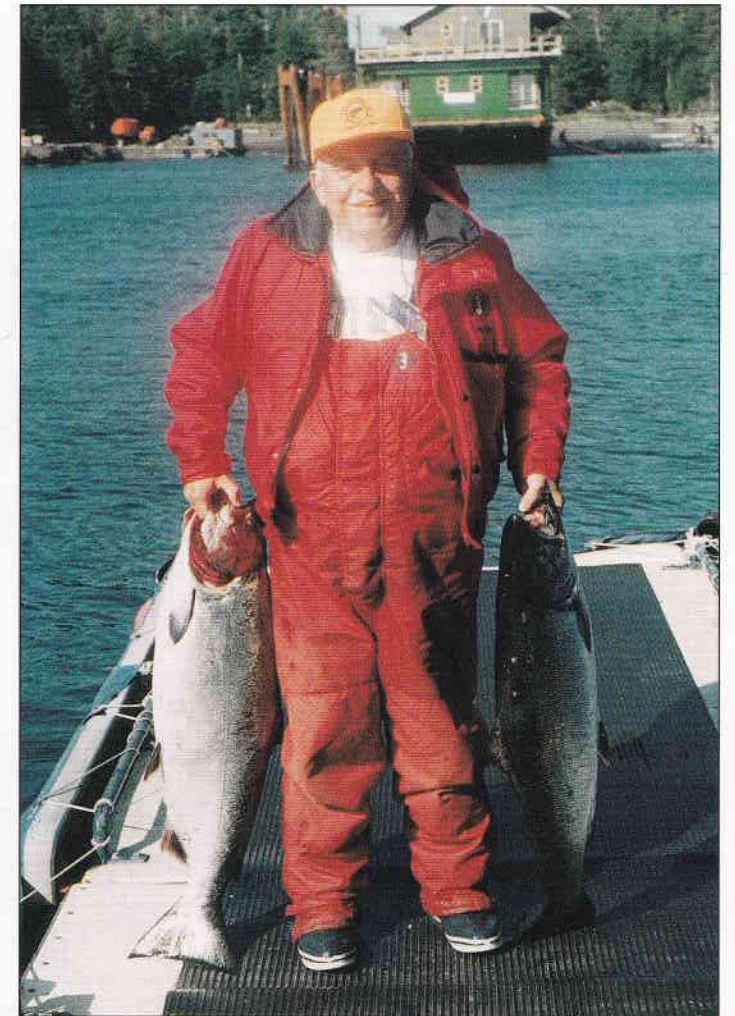
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The serigraph *Whale Frolic* was inspired by a number of Whale watching and fishing trips to the West coast of B.C. and clearly shows Harrison's affinity to his newly adopted environment. The colourful design delineates the perspective of sea and land and its circular rhythm symbolizes a harmonious relationship between the interdependent participants in the British Columbian coastal landscape.



Ted Harrison proudly displays a bountiful catch of Salmon taken near Langara Island on the West Coast of British Columbia.

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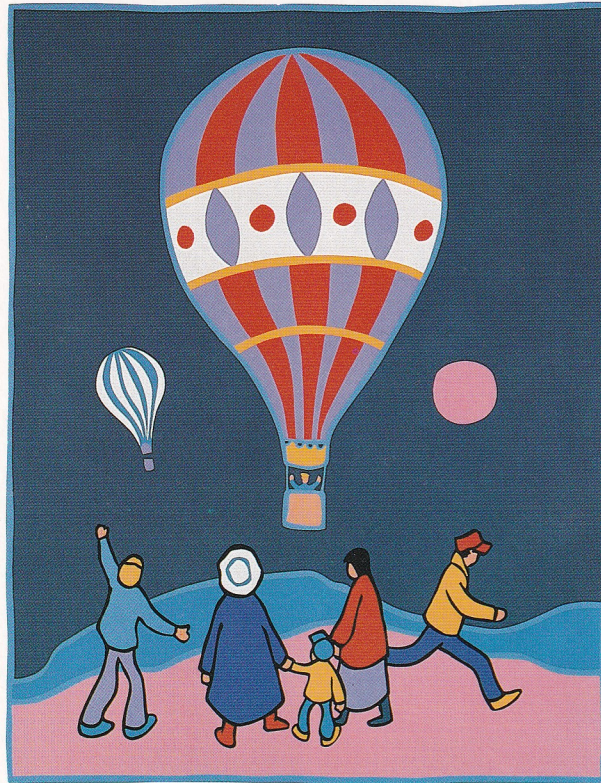
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Canadian artists who have generously supported the program include: Ted Harrison, Michael Snow, Jean McEwen, Betty Goodwin, David Blackwood, Bill Reid, Gordon Smith, Jack Shadbolt, Robert Bateman, Joe Fafard, Gathie Falk, Alan Wood, Guido Molinari, Molly Lamb Bobak, Anne Meredith Barry, Takao Tanabe, Toni Onley, Jane Ash Poitras and the estates of the late B.C. Binning and the late Fred Amess.

To make an appointment to view Ted Harrison's print *Whale Frolic*, or if you would like more information about "Artists for Kids" prints or programs, please contact: Bill MacDonald, Executive Director, "Artists for Kids" Trust, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, B.C. V7P 2C1 Telephone: 604-987-6667 Facsimile: 604-987-8967 E-mail: bmacdonald@nvancvr.schdist44.bc.ca.

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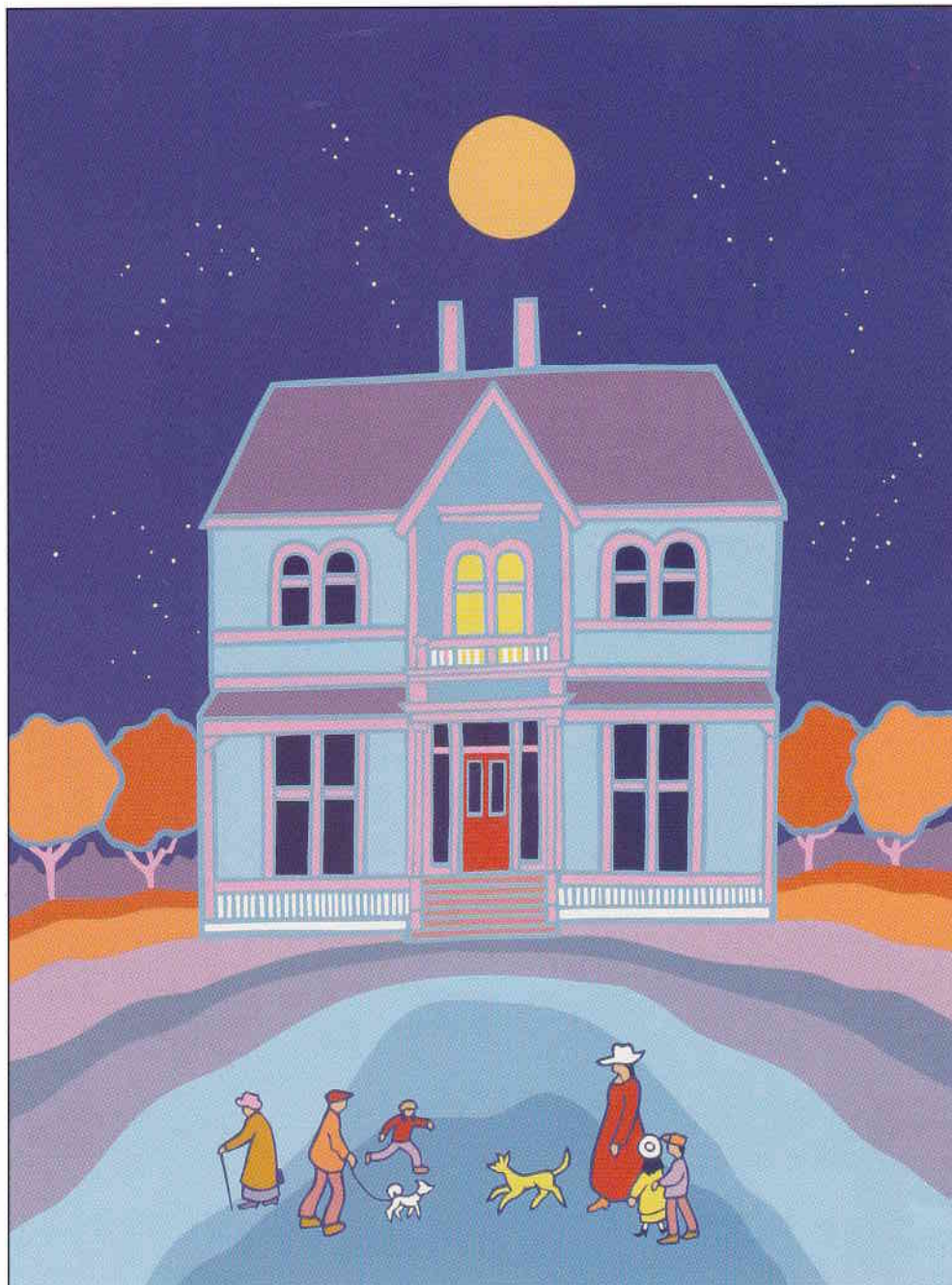


"Ballooning" / Serigraph / Edition: 200 / 18" x 14"



"Mt. Baker" / Serigraph / Edition: 200 / 16" x 24"

Ted Harrison



Emily's Place

18 colour serigraph,
printed on Arches 100% rag paper by Michael de Courcy
edition 125, 10 artist's proofs, signed by the artist
paper size: 30 x 22"
released April, 2004
issue price: \$800



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The serigraph *Emily's Place* was inspired by Emily Carr's family home on Government Street in Victoria and the Edwardian architecture that is so prominent in the place Ted Harrison now calls home. This homage to British Columbia's most famous artist depicts an the ever independent Emily going the other way while Victorians play happily in the street. The colourful design is unmistakably Harrison with its symmetrical rhythms and bold contrasts working in careful harmony.

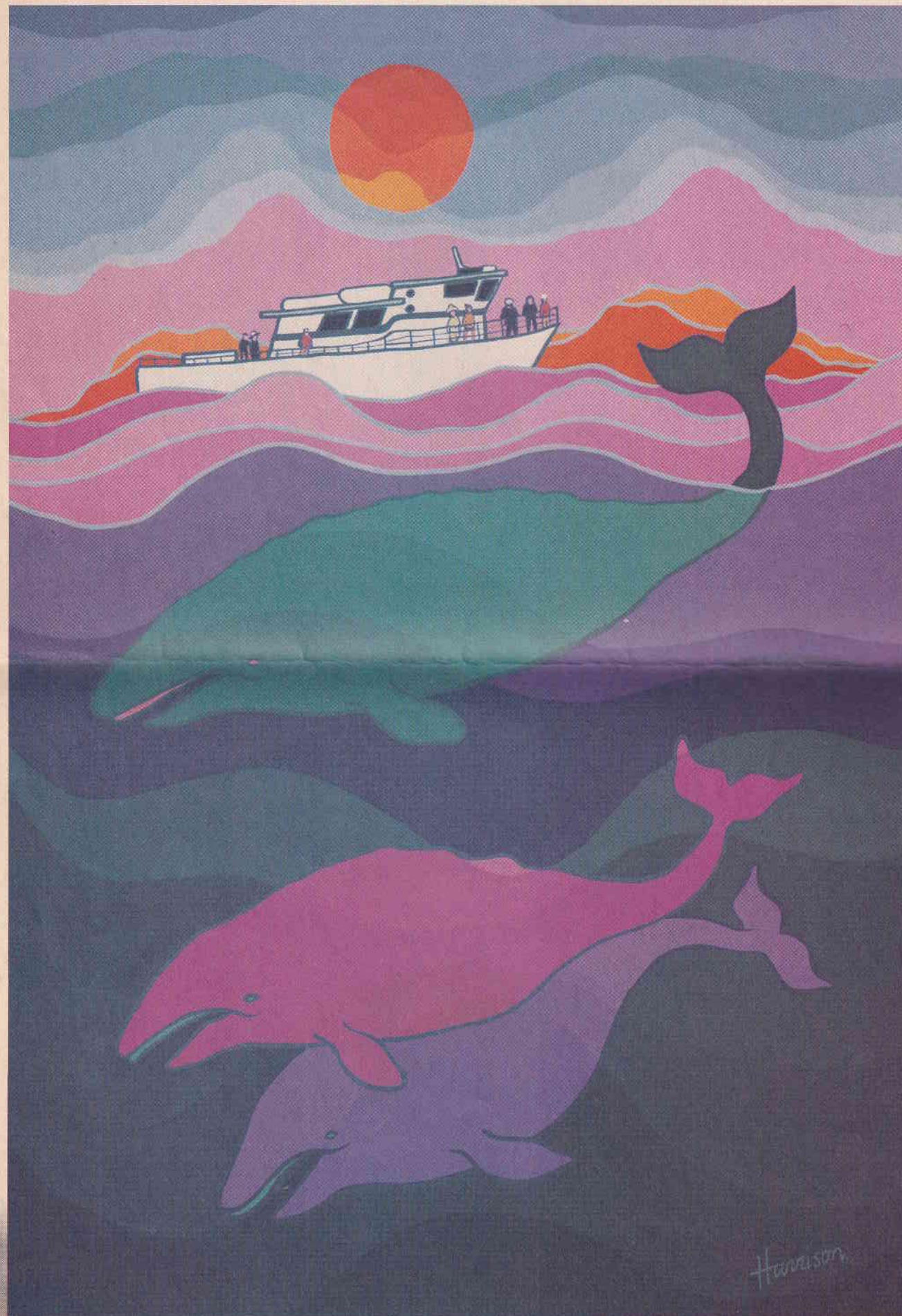


Ted and his ever faithful companion Maggie live in Victoria BC

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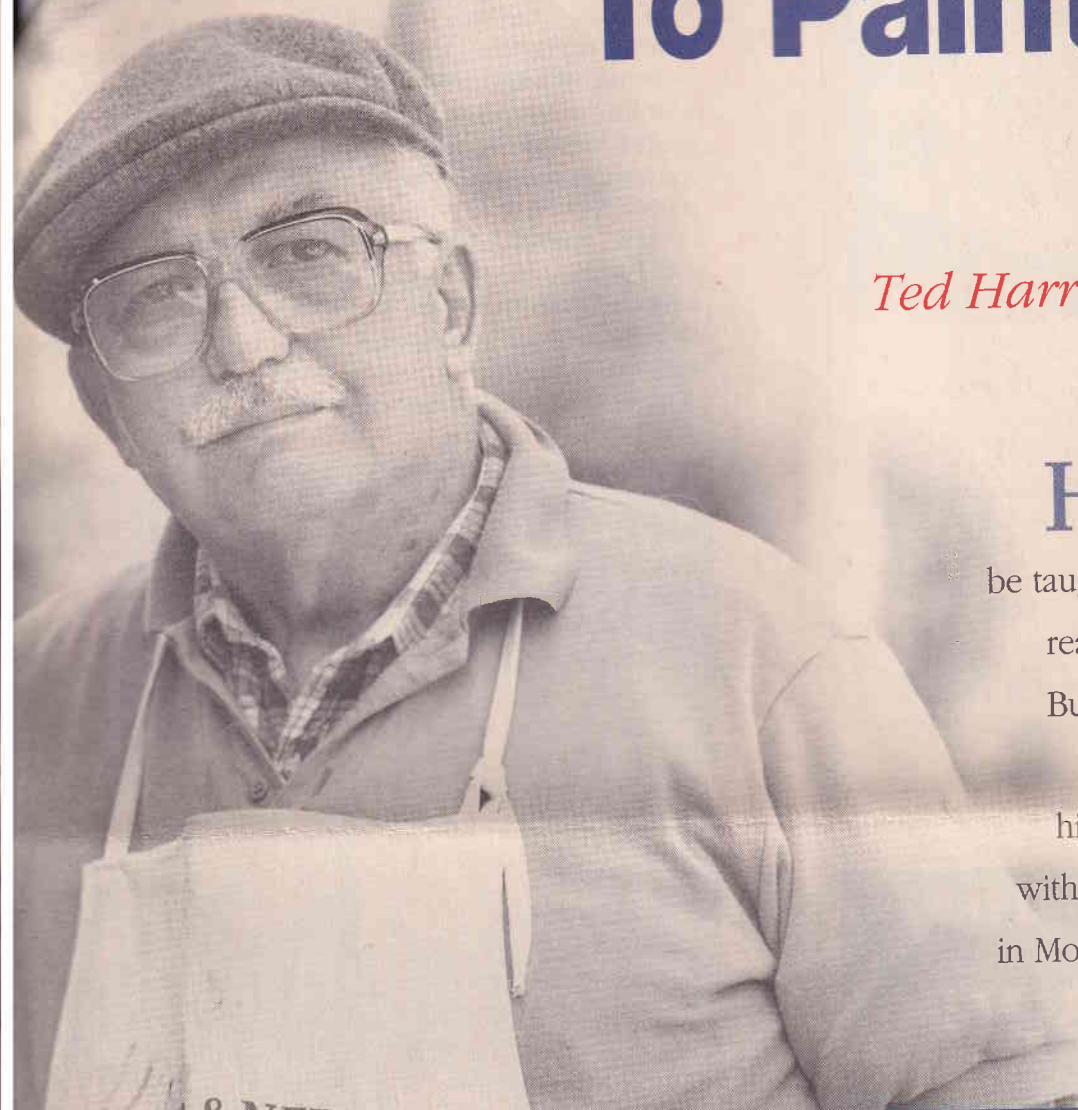


To Paint a Blue Moose

Ted Harrison's world of colour

by Susan Down

He believes daydreaming should be taught in school and that vandals are really frustrated artists. He painted a Buddha in a Malaysian cave temple, and once had a coffin ordered for himself as a 19-year-old seriously ill with dysentery. He has witnessed riots in Mogadishu and "stepped over bodies as though they were cordwood."



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"Whole Watching" (left)

inspired by a trip to Ucluelet,

and "Langara Memories,"

the result of a salmon-fishing

trip. Both pieces were

painted in 1994

(Rob DeStrubé photos).

Photo of Ted Harrison by

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After serving with the British Intelligence Corps in Somaliland, India, Egypt, Kenya and Uganda during World War II, he taught in Malaysia and New Zealand. In Canada, his vivid paintings of the Yukon have earned him international recognition.

Armed with this, the chronology of his life, I am not sure what kind of character to expect as I wait on his doorstep. But the Ted Harrison who greets me at the door is less Indiana Jones and more Hercule Poirot — with a broad Durham accent, of course.

At 67, Harrison is a jolly, compact man, and a good storyteller with a generous nature. Wearing his painting apron, which resembles a spin-art souvenir from a midway, he ushers me into his home. When he turns around, I notice a paint starburst, in the same wild hues he favours for Yukon skies, blotched on the seat of his work jeans like a brand-name logo.

When his first Yukon paintings were exhibited at the Robertson Gallery in Ottawa in the early 1970s, people didn't know what to make of Ted Harrison. Toronto art critic Kay Kritzweiser called his paintings "bright songs" that puzzled people because of their simplicity. She wrote: "They were so easy to understand, therefore weren't they suspect?" But she, and others, believe Harrison's work has outgrown the early labels of "primitive" and "naïve" and "folk art."

"He boldly abstracts colour from his Yukon environment by making form (his people, their buildings) incidental," Kritzweiser later wrote. "Harrison is as much a colour man as those contemporary painterly people who move their pure colour progressions off the sides of the canvas."

Harrison's style evokes an

*In the first illustrated edition of
O Canada (Kids Can Press,
1992), Harrison took readers on
a journey across the country,
paying tribute to each of the
provinces and territories.
Pictured are the fields and
farms of southern Manitoba.*



mediate emotional reaction. "People respond to the joyous, childlike quality and the vibrant, moving colour," notes Valerie Pusey of Northern Passage Gallery.

A stroll down the hallway of his Oak Bay bungalow reveals how much Harrison has matured as an artist. In a spare bedroom, near a sombre, monochromatic work by his colleague, Norman Cornish, is a tidy, competent landscape that Harrison produced early in his career. Everything is the right colour; there are no undulating pink and orange skies, no striking graphics, just a tranquil and traditional pastoral scene within a frame.

It was painted during a period when he was all "buttoned up" by the firm conventions of art school, Harrison explains. "I didn't enjoy painting, because when you paint something exactly as it is, it becomes a bore. It suddenly dawned on me after years of training: you can do anything. If I wanted to, I could paint a moose blue."

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