

CHARLES VAN SANDWYK



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kids



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original prints
are published in
partnership with
Canadian artists in
support of children,
their art education,
and, their future.

THE SHIP OF WISDOM

10 colour intaglio, edition 145, 15 artist's proofs
signed, titled and numbered by the artist
printed on Arches rag paper
31.5 x 37 cm. (12.5 x 14.25")
released September, 1998
issue price: \$425.

Imagine... a group of animals, seated humbly upon a rickety old boat, who inspire every positive human emotion as they sail uncharted seas.

They journey aboard a lightly constructed outrigger bound together with trust and guided by the Great Blue Heron - a helmsman of accuracy and elegance. With compass and calipers in hand, the Lemur charts a methodical course upon a faded globe while grounding himself to the mast of the vessel. The lookout post is occupied by the Owl, who interprets her sightings with wisdom and temperance. The Swift carries hope in her glimmering lamp while the Monkey provides a backup of inspiration with his pennywhistle, for though they transport supplies for physical sustenance, it is the nourishment of the soul that inspires these creatures. The little Parrot's cage has no door - for the Parrot represents the earthly ego - which the animals are willing to set free. And so, borne on a friendly wind, the creatures carry a cargo of hope, wisdom and generosity as they journey into the unknown. C.vS.

CHARLES VAN SANDWYK, best known for creating engaging mythical creatures depicting the human condition, is quickly gaining an international reputation as an artist, author and illustrator of children's books.

Charles Noel van Sandwyk was born May 12, 1966 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Growing up in South Africa had a profound influence on his art and early life. His English mother and Dutch father were avid nature watchers. As a young child, he spent many hours with his parents and older brother observing the wonders of birds and animals in the local landscape. Charles was an avid young reader. Influenced by detailed 19th century English and Dutch prints and paintings that adorned the family home, he spent many hours drawing and illustrating aspects of the many books he read, such as J.R. Tolkien's, *The Hobbit*. Living in South Africa amid mixed cultures, he also learned much about the need for cooperation and understanding amongst peoples.

When Charles was 11, he emigrated with his family to North Vancouver and began a new life amidst fir trees and rain. He attended Seycove Secondary School and with the inspiration and guidance of art teacher George Knapp, began to seriously pursue his talents as an artist. Following graduation, he enrolled in the Graphic Design program at Capilano College where he further developed his illustration skills and completed his diploma with honours.

With the wanderlust of a young man, he travelled the world and discovered the magic of the Fiji Islands, where for part of each year, he now calls his home. It is there that he draws much of the inspiration for his current work, including *The Ship of Wisdom*. Charles also lives and works part of each year in Deep Cove, North Vancouver.

He has received numerous honours for his work including a 1986 Alcan Award for his first handmade book *A Selection of Neighbourly Birds*. The National Library of Canada has also maintained an archive of his work since 1986. He has a large local following who regularly collect his prints, paintings and books. His work can also be found in collections across North America, Europe and in Japan.



Charles van Sandwyk (right) and master print maker Peter Braune proudly share the final proof print of the "Ship of Wisdom" at New Leaf Editions on Granville Island in Vancouver.

ARTISTS FOR KIDS

The Artists For Kids Trust was established in 1989 through a generous partnership between some of Canada's finest artists and the North Vancouver School District. Its mission, through the sale of original prints created by its artist patrons, is to build an art education legacy for the children of British Columbia. The Artists For Kids Gallery is home to a stunning collection of work created by its parton artists. Artists For Kids provides a variety of art enrichment program opportunities for thousands of students of all ages each year including the popular Paradise Valley Summer School of Visual Art.

Canadian artists who have generously supported the program include: Charles van Sandwyk, Jack Shadbolt, E.J. Hughes, Kenojuak Ashevak, Jane Ash Poitras, Ted Harrison, Michael Snow, Jean McEwen, Betty Goodwin, David Blackwood, Gordon Smith, Robert Bateman, Joe Fafard, Gathie Falk, Alan Wood, Guido Molinari, Molly Lamb Bobak, Anne Meredith Barry, Takao Tanabe, Toni Onley, George Littlechild, Irene F. Whittome, the late Bill Reid, the late B.C. Binning, and the estate of the late Frederick Amess.

To make an appointment to view *The Ship of Wisdom*, or if you require more information regarding other Artists For Kids prints or programs for young artists, please contact the Managing Director, Bill MacDonald at 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, B.C. Canada V7P 2C1
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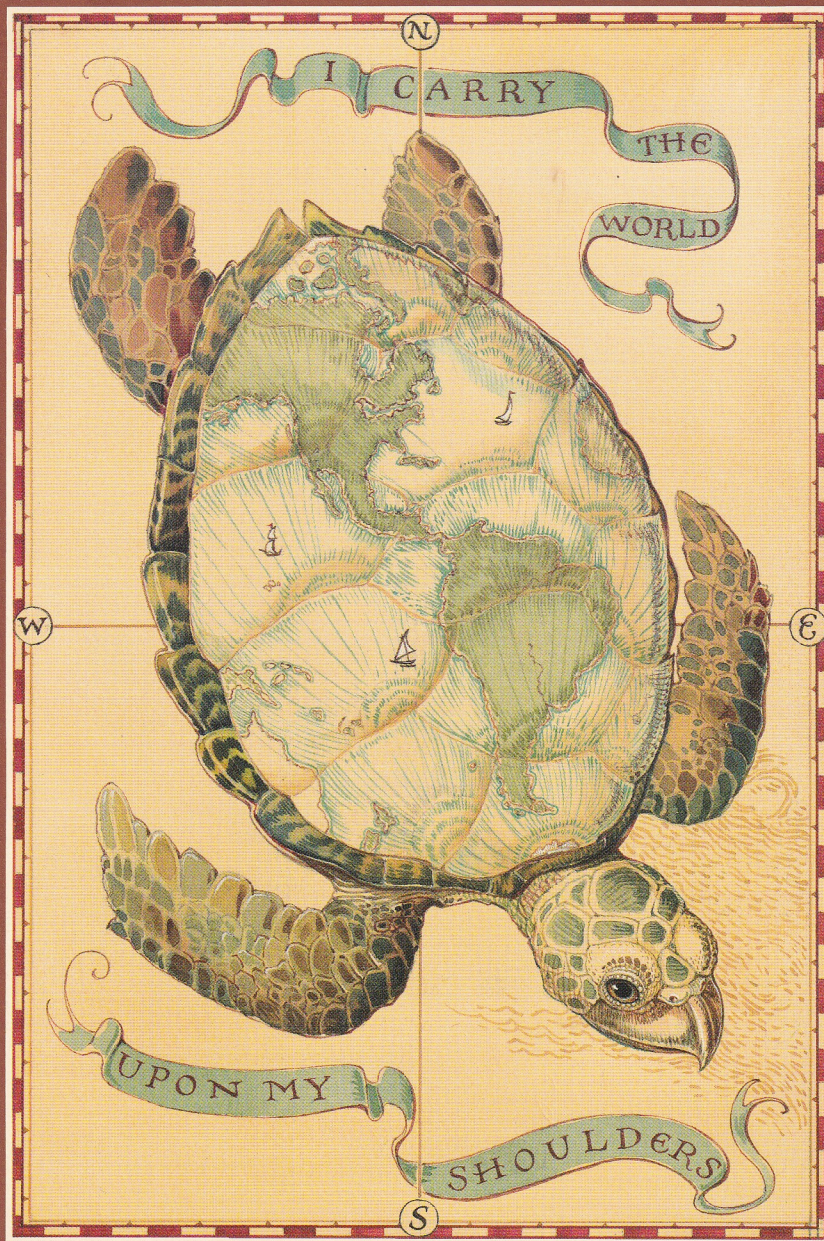


SOUTH FOR THE WINTER

An exhibition of paintings, etchings, and sculpture by Charles van Sandwyk from an exploratory trip to the South Pacific. Pieces from the Fiji Islands and Indonesia are highlighted.

Opens at 7:30pm on Thursday, November 24th 1988 at TIGERS, and continues November 25th through December 7th. Hours are 11am-5pm.

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THE SEYMOUR ART GALLERY PRESENTS

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AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND PRINTS

BY CHARLES VAN SANDWYK

SPANNING THE YEARS 1980-1997

OPENS 6:30 pm NOVEMBER 6 ; CONTINUES DAILY 12-4 'TIL DECEMBER 7

A PREVIEW WILL BE HELD NOVEMBER 6 FROM 11-4

4360 GALLANT AVENUE, DEEP COVE, NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Opening reception

7 - 9 pm, September 10, 2002

Works may be previewed September 5 - 10 during regular gallery hours

Sales commence at 7 pm, September 10

The exhibition runs to October 6

At 8 pm on September 15,

The Seymour Art Gallery will hold an event for grownups.

Mr. Van Sandwyk will read from his recent work-in-progress

The Painter Mouse & The Countryside

followed, in true mouse fashion, by a Cheese and Mousetini party

Tickets are \$20.00 and may be purchased in advance.

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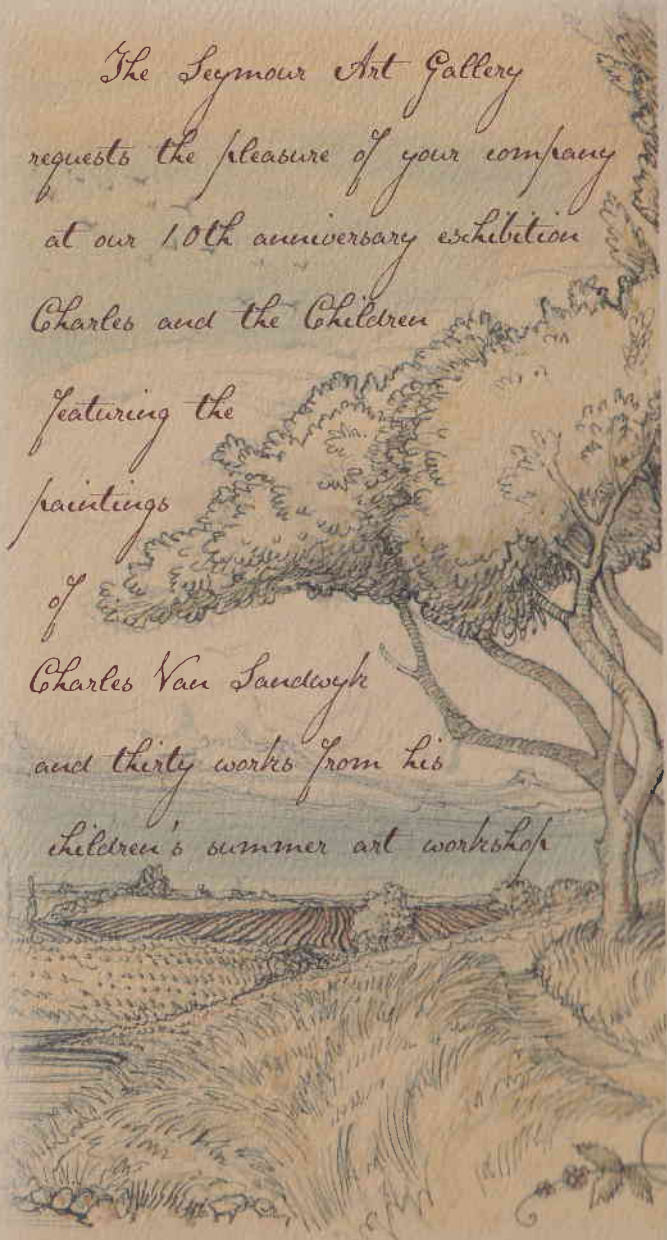
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The Seymour Art Gallery
 requests the pleasure of your company
 at our 10th anniversary exhibition
Charles and the Children
 featuring the
 paintings
 of
 Charles Van Sandwyck
 and thirty works from his
 children's summer art workshop





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