BILLIE SHANNON

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PROFESSIONAL ARTIST PRESS KIT

ARTIST AND AUTHOR CAPTURES THE WONDER, HUMOR AND FLEETING MOMENTS OF CHILDHOOD IN VIVID OIL PAINTINGS



Kentucky artist Billie Shannon paints the fleeting expressions and ordinary moments of childhood that adults often forget to notice. Working in oil with saturated jewel tones, she creates expressive figurative portraits that explore wonder, humor, tenderness and memory. A juried member of the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen and a juried Kentucky Crafted artist, she shows her work at the Guild's gallery in Berea.

ABOUT

Billie Shannon is a Whitley County, Kentucky oil painter and writer, and a graduate of Somerset Community and Technical College and Union College. She creates expressive figurative paintings centered on childhood, memory and the ordinary moments in which wonder still lives. She begins every painting with the eyes, because, as she says, people see the eyes.

"I'm interested in the seconds we don't realize are important until years later: a child blowing a dandelion, cuddling a puppy, laughing with a spoon still in her hand, or the magic of Christmas."



CREDENTIALS AND AFFILIATIONS

Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen. Juried member since 2026. Her paintings are exhibited and available for purchase at the Guild's gallery in Berea, Kentucky.

Kentucky Crafted Program. Juried into the program for fiscal year 2027 in oil painting. Kentucky Crafted is a program of the Kentucky Arts Council.

COLLECTIONS

LANGUAGE OF SMALL WONDERS

is Billie's debut collection of five jewel-toned portraits: *Wish on the Wind*, *A Little Bit of Sass*, *Jam Session*, *Hushabye Puppy* and *Partners in Crime*. Each captures a small, universal moment of childhood, from a dandelion wish to a puppy snuggle to a stolen taste of jam.











COLLECTIONS

THE BELIEVING YEARS

is her Christmas collection of six paintings: The List Keeper, Christmas Magic, Holding On to Christmas, The Santa Setup, He's Real and Candy Cane Cutie. The series celebrates the wonder, warmth and quiet magic of childhood Christmases.













WORKSHOPS & TEACHING



Instructor

BILLIE SHANNON

Billie teaches painting workshops built around whimsical, expressive subjects, with seasonal classes for spring, summer, fall and winter. Oil painting is her specialty, and classes for children can be designed with acrylics, which are easier to use and clean up. Workshops are available for children, adults and fellow artists, and online courses are planned for 2027. Schools, libraries, extension offices and arts organizations can inquire about booking through her website.

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WINTER 2026
"BELLS & BOWS"



AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE

Kentucky Guild Gallery



Wish on the Wind
Oil on canvas



A Little Bit of Sass
Oil on canvas



*P*artners in Crime
Oil on canvas



Candy Cane Cutie
Oil on canvas

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