**Susan Marie Allen**

**Biography**

**SUSAN ALLEN** is an accomplished musician with a Bachelor’s Degree in French Horn Performance from The Cleveland Institute of Music. She was a member of the Canton and Youngstown Symphonies and was Principal Horn of the Suburban Symphony Orchestra of Beachwood, Ohio, for twenty-seven years. She has performed with The Cleveland Orchestra as a member of The Kent Blossom Festival and toured with Bernadette Peters and Olivia Newton-John. Ms. Allen retired from music in 2012 to actively pursue her interests in the studio arts. She has studied drawing, watercolor, and oil painting with many artists in the Cleveland area, including Tom Denny, Dino Massaroni, and John Carlson. She is passionate about capturing in oil the many beautiful and varied landscapes that she photographs while traveling. Ms. Allen lives in Bratenahl, Ohio, with her husband, Tom, and their Golden Retriever, Piper.

**Mission**

“I am inspired by the many beautiful landscapes I encounter on my daily walks and travel adventures. Because my background is classical music, my approach is thoughtful and studied. I capture what I see in a realistic manner. However, I see myself moving toward a more interpretive painting style as time progresses.”

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