

## **Natalie B. Hendrix**

### ***A Wet Nose and Ripe Tomatoes***

Acrylic

#### **Artist's Statement**

While reflecting on the story of *Walking with Peety*, I was struck by how the book was as much about the gift of healthy food as about the gift of dog-ownership. While Peety undeniably improved Eric's quality of life physically and socially, it seemed that fresh, plant-based food did the same. Life is found in the details, so I wanted to create a piece that celebrates and combines the beautiful details of caring for a pet and of fresh food.

This piece emphasizes Peety's wet nose. That nose is what explored the world and nudged the hands of those he loved. A wet nose is a sign of health in dogs. Alongside this cheery image is clustered a trio of rainbow-colored tomatoes. Fresh tomatoes come in all shapes and sizes and colors, as Eric discovered and enjoyed. Focusing on these details, I hope to pass on a piece of that joy to the viewer.

#### **Artist's Bio**

Believing that all beauty in this world is a gift from God, she likes to use her art to highlight beauty found in unexpected places, with special attention to the details. Water drops on leaves, the depth and texture of skin, the contrasting colors of a sunset all inspire her acrylic and watercolor paintings.

Raised as a third-culture kid in Japan, Natalie's art incorporates a wide variety of cultural and geological differences in scenery, dress, and color. The sheer variety in the world inspires her. Moving to Salem in 2004, she is a largely self-taught artist who also teaches art to children in private lessons and in group settings.

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#### **Art Label**

Name: Natalie Hendrix

Title: A Wet Nose and Ripe Tomatoes

Medium: Acrylic Paint

Size: 12" x 10"

Price: \$200.00