Teaching Bio

Holly McWilliams is a seasoned art educator with over 20 years of experience helping students build skills, confidence, and creative curiosity. Based in Calgary, she teaches drawing and painting across multiple mediums and supports learners at every stage—from absolute beginners to working professionals.

Known for her warm, engaging, and refreshingly direct teaching style, Holly blends technical instruction with encouragement and humor. She creates a classroom environment that is welcoming, empowering, and tailored to individual learning styles. Her goal is to help students not only grow in their artistic abilities, but also reconnect with their creative voice and enjoy the process of making art.

Since founding Indigo Arts in 2005, Holly has taught thousands of students through workshops, retreats, and regular programming, always with the belief that art is for everyone—and that growth comes through experimentation, play, and practice.

