

Commission Process:

Here's a concise overview of the commissioning process to provide you with an idea of what to expect:

- **Initial Meeting:** I'll meet with the subject to take photos and capture their character. While I prefer to take my own photos, I understand that this may not always be possible and will guide you to taking the best reference photos possible.
- **Size and Cost:** We'll discuss the desired size of the piece and determine the cost accordingly. Clients are required to sign a contract and pay a non-refundable deposit of 30% to secure their place on the waiting list, which is currently around four months.
- **Composition:** Depending on the complexity of the painting, I may create initial sketches for composition. Clients can choose the composition that best suits the subject, with my technical advice available throughout the process.
- **Progress Updates:** Clients are welcome to visit the studio at any stage to view progress. When the painting is nearing completion, I'll email an image for approval, allowing for minor adjustments to colour and finish.
- **Final Approval and Payment:** Upon completion, I'll send another photo for final approval. The client will then pay the balance of the painting, either in one instalment or over several. Framing options can also be discussed at this stage.
- **Varnishing and Drying:** I'll varnish the painting, and ideally, it will remain in the studio to dry for a week or two. While I understand that deadlines may not always allow for this, it's important to note that the painting must not be wrapped or covered during this time to prevent damage to the varnish layer.
- **Further Varnishing:** Some paintings, particularly those with dark-coloured subjects, may require an additional coat of varnish at a later stage to maintain their appearance. This can be done by myself or by a reputable framer.

I strive to make the commissioning process enjoyable and ensure that you receive a work of art that you'll cherish for years to come. If you have any questions or concerns along the way, please don't hesitate to contact me.