

Marisa Rehana Mann

Artist and Illustrator



Marisa's art is synthesized from childhood experiences and also studies in the social sciences. She has been fortunate to have lived in a number of countries with the people, wildlife and then studied a variety of subjects that have left her interested in the fields of sustainable development and conservation. It can be shown through art how people are managing their environments and how the survival of wildlife is interconnected with this and discuss these ideas further on her site.

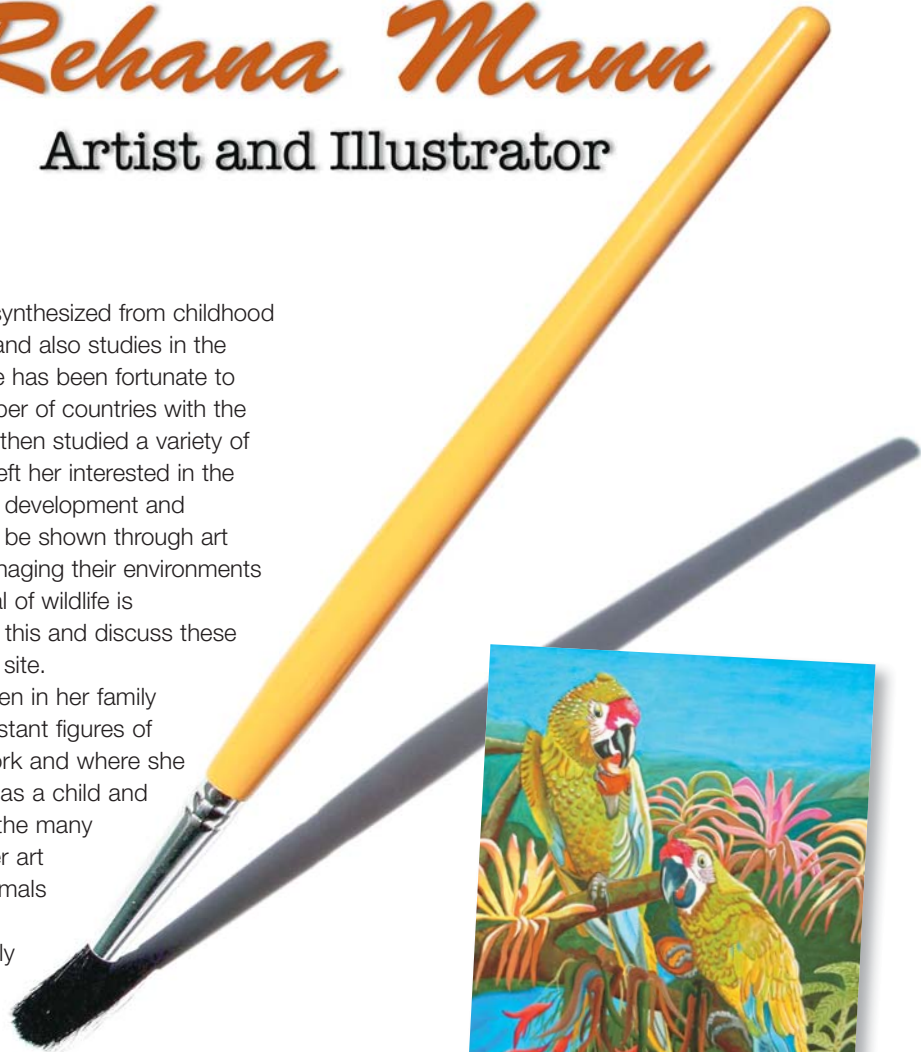
Parrots have been in her family and have been constant figures of interest in her artwork and where she lived in West Africa as a child and saw and lived with the many forms of wildlife. Her art practice, places animals back in their native environments visually so the parrots in these paintings, from Tropical Birdland, have been moved. She has painted their Military Macaws in the area where some of them live in South America in the wooded ravines of the Barranca de Cobre, Sierra Madre Occidental.



Next painted were some free Blue and Gold Macaws in the Maurita flexuosa palm trying to show the iridescent quality of their plumage. Then an Umbrella cockatoo was painted who was very excited over some loud machinery and making some wonderful displays to capture. In this painting the background is just plain sky so to contrast with the delicate plumage.



Her last painting is of Ring-necked Parakeets. These birds are widely spread, but her memories are of northern Pakistan, in shrubs such as Tamarisk, near the Himalayas, which can get pretty cold in winter and may account for their success in colonising the area around



Richmond Park in southern England. These are her latest parrot paintings and there are more on her web site.

This coming year there are some more projects planned and these can be followed on her site where her paintings and some prints are also for sale. There are plans to help various groups with their art work and this is a very rewarding activity.

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Parrots of the World J. M. Forshaw, T.F.H. Publications, (info on habitat)

Marisa's site: www.sustainableart.co.uk