

## KIM DIMENT

*Kim Diment's art and love for animals started at young age. Her first field sketches involved the waterfowl from the backwaters of the AuSable River. She drove her parents nuts by bringing home toads, frogs, turtles and orphaned animals. Her brother dubbing her "Nature Girl" in High School didn't exactly put her in the teen mainstream but did develop character.*

*After High School Kim's formal training involved a double major from Michigan State University in Fine Arts and Zoology. She later went on to teach High School art for thirteen years while simultaneously pursuing her own art career. Kim's training includes the influential workshops taught under Robert Bateman, Simon Combes, James Coe, Rod Lawrence, Mark Mehaffey, John Seerey- Lester and Morton Solberg. In 2003 Kim moved to Grayling Michigan and started painting full time. In 2010 Kim and business partner Ken Wright, opened up the Main Branch Art Gallery featuring animal/nature inspired art. Kim is currently the secretary and board member for the international Society of Animal Artists.*

*Kim will be joining us for only 1/2 of the trip as she has other obligations while she is in Kenya.*



*"ENTOURAGE" Acrylic 24 x 48"*



*"Fowl Play" Acrylic 16 x 20"*

