

# Debra Thompson

## ABOUT THE ARTIST...



I'm a mixed media artist from Hawke's Bay, where I live and work today. Since 2017, I've had the privilege of holding solo shows, receiving a few awards, and donating work to places like the Hawke's Bay Opera House: ToiToi.

My art is a bold, colourful celebration of pop culture and iconic personalities. Drawing inspiration from artists like Takashi Murakami, Andy Warhol, and the post impressionists, I mix these influences with my own style to create vibrant, eye-catching pieces that speak to both nostalgia and now.

I love painting people who've left a mark—figures like Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Twiggy, Sir Edmund Hillary, and David Attenborough. They're timeless, and each one brings a different energy to the canvas. Using mainly acrylics on board (with a splash of spray paint here and there), I try to capture their essence in a way that feels modern and a little unexpected.