

Taking flight



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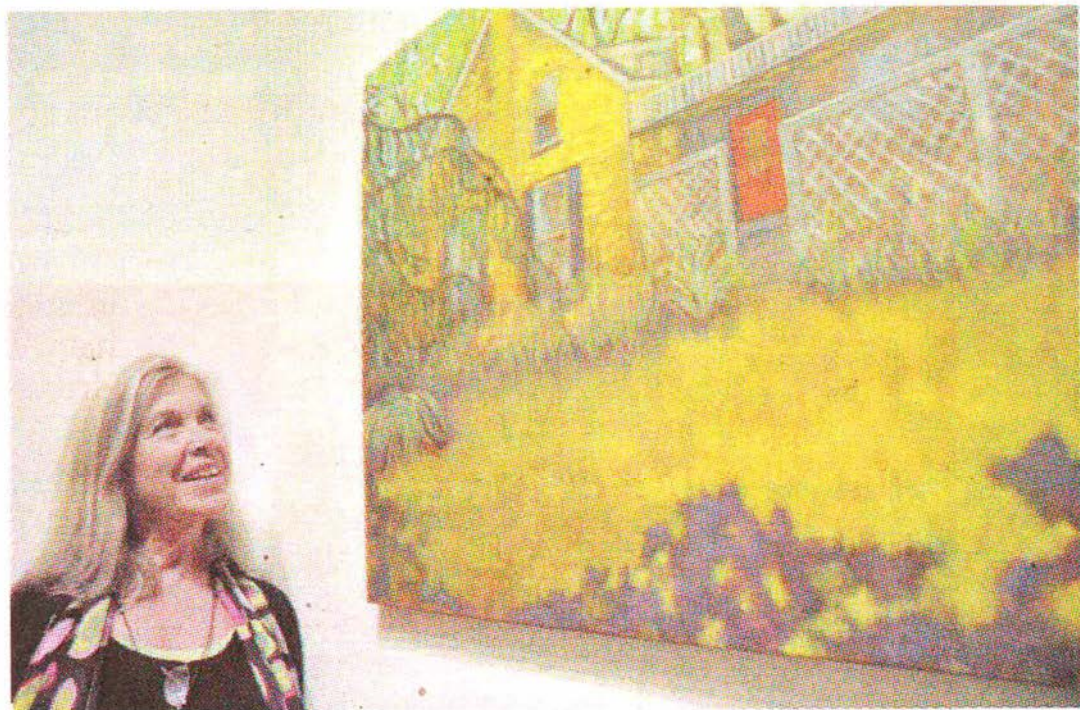
Taking Flight is the first solo art exhibit for London artist, Ingrid Connidis. Her paintings are a colourful variety of landscapes, homes, trees, and animals. What is interesting about her paintings is how her career as a Professor of Sociology at University of Western Ontario seems to have transcended into her art.

"I've been very lucky to have a lot of family in my life, all my life," said Connidis. "I'm

from a large family and have a lot of children. I've also always loved the outdoors. The trees often symbolize families and wisdom, things that last for a long time."

Connidis didn't think of herself as creative when growing up but always admired painting. She admits, "I think it was part of being in France." She began to paint in 1995 while living in Aix-en-Provence, France, during a sabbatical.

The exhibit will be on display until March 31 at The ARTS Project at 203 Dundas Street.



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London artist Ingrid Connidis stands with some of her artwork for her first solo art exhibit now on at the ARTS Project on Dundas Street.