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**R**aleigh artist Michelle Snead balances her painting time between commissioned portraits and other works, including landscapes and florals. Portraiture became her passion more than 20 years ago because of her fascination with people of all ages.

Though her commissions include distinguished professionals, judges and ministers, she is best known for her sensitive paintings of children, capturing their expressions from innocence to playful exuberance. Snead was a recent finalist in the Portrait Society of America's tri-state competition, and she keeps a steady backlog of direct commissions and referred projects by her national representative, Portraits South.

Between portraits, Snead receives inspiration by setting up her easel outdoors and painting landscapes. Her portrayals of nature are rendered in both oil and pastel and are characterized by vibrant color and expressive brushwork. Her most recent solo show this spring, titled "Nature Unfurled," was very successful and consisted of 50 paintings.

"As an artist, I am privileged to present the splendor, the harmony and the mystery of God's canvas," she said.

Snead's paintings are available at Frameworks Gallery on Dixie Trail in Raleigh.

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