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| | Nelson Tolentino | |



Nelson Tolentino is a self-taught artist who first found his love of painting at the tender age of ten. He was born in the Philippines in 1969, the eighth of nine children. He and his older brother, Edwin, a portrait artist in the Philippines, are fulfilling a family legacy.

Before moving to Hawaii in 1995, Nelson worked for an advertising company and a sportswear designer in the Philippines designing layouts and graphics. Once he settled on Maui, his artistic energy was redirected into fine art. He found time while working two jobs, to experiment with different media and to work on location. Nelson also read books on art to enhance his natural talent. Nelson especially admires the work of Camille Pissarro, William Palluth and Andrew Wyeth.

Nelson's mood permeates his oil paintings. He has developed a gentle palette which catches the eye of art lovers. His impressionistic compositions of island scenes capture the hearts of numerous collectors worldwide.