



## **Bill Brownridge**

"In a world preoccupied with the bizarre, the sensational and horrific, I find great enjoyment in watching children at play. Their joyous laughter, enthusiasm and naivete are a source of endless fascination - especially when the setting is a hauntingly beautiful prairie or foothills landscape."

William Brownridge was born in 1932 in the heart of the Western Canadian prairies in Rosetown, Saskatchewan. Born with Spina Bifida, the young Bill was fascinated with sports, but unable to participate. A lifelong interest in art grew out of his disability. Forced to remain seated for long periods, Bill started to draw, and then to paint. He was commissioned in 1981 by the Calgary Olympic Development Association to depict the sporting events of the Olympic Winter Games. These works were used as a part of Calgary's winning presentation (both in print and film) to the International Olympic Committee for the 1988 Olympics.

He has also become a writer and illustrator of his own series of best-selling children's books. Brownridge has exhibited across the country, and his works are represented in corporate and private collections (including many NHL players and coaches) nationwide.