

**Elena Sokolova** was born and raised in St. Petersburg (Leningrad), Russia and now resides in Schiedam, the Netherlands. Her interest in art was developed when she was very young. She did a lot of graphic/decoration voluntair works at shcool and university.

Elena's early education was focused on science and technology. She received her MS, PhD, and Doctor of Science degrees in optical engineering from the St. Petersburg Institute of Fine Mechanics and Optics in 1981, 1989, and 2000 resepectively.

She worked as optical engineer, scientist and university professor in Russia, Portugal and the Netherlands. She was teaching the physics or color and was making art holograms with her students.

Elena Started painting by oil in 2010. She learned painting at workshops and master classes. She is currently attending online workshops of Richard Robinson. In September 2014 and September 2015 she partisipated in plain air workshops in Italy and Spain mentored by Richard Robinson.

A number of her works are in privat collections in USA, Canada, UK, Belgium, Netherlands, Portugal and Russia. Some works are sold through online galleries (Satchi Art, ArtFinder).

Elena Sokolova is selected to participate in Summer 2016 edition of Studio Visit Magasine.

One of her paintings was used on a book cover:

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/Answering-Cuttlefish-other-Laura-Kaminski/dp/1500541761/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1413834372&sr=1-1&keywords=answering+the+cuttlefish](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Answering-Cuttlefish-other-Laura-Kaminski/dp/1500541761/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1413834372&sr=1-1&keywords=answering+the+cuttlefish)

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