

Oleg Trofimov was born in 1962 in Krasnoarmeisk, Russia. Oleg started painting at the early age of five entering and winning numerous children's art competitions.

After attending a prestigious children's art school, Oleg enrolled in the Industrial Arts College in Abramovsk, Russia where his graduate work won 1st place in the juried exhibition of graduation works of Moscow's regional schools. His graduate work was featured in Decorative Art magazine. In 1986 Oleg studied at the Moscow State Industrial Art College.

His style is described as "Russian Realism" which blends traditional realism painting and impressionism. Some of his greatest influences were Korovin, Stojarov, Ukin, Monet and Van Gogh.

Oleg says about his own work "The style and manner of my work helps me understand the color pallet and relations between colors without the viewer being distracted by detail. This helps to appreciate the whole painting, and helps to create a true impression of the subject or the world the artist is creating. Regarding the subject matter, I don't think that there are a lot of people that aren't touched by the ocean, by the romance of travelling and capturing beautiful moments of life. I'm no exception. This is why on many of my canvases you will see ships, sails, foreign lands and cozy corners of the world I travelled and loved."

During the 1990's, Oleg's painting were purchased by most major Russian banks, government officials, and many Russian entertainers. His work is also exhibited in many prestigious art galleries in Moscow and Bruges.