

# *The Art of Love Exhibition* of Melinda Camber Porter's Art, Books and Film (1986 to 1996)

Melinda Camber Porter *Art of Love Exhibition* Venue  
L'Alliance Francaise de Hartford & West Hartford Art League  
July 14 - September 24, 1995

The French Cultural Services of New York initiated and sponsored in part the *Art of Love Exhibition and Tour* of Melinda Camber Porter's art, books and film in the USA.

*Through Parisian Eyes* by Melinda Camber Porter was important to the English-speaking America, as way to introduce important French cultural leaders and their ideas. With the success of Melinda Camber Porter's book and art reception at the French New York Cultural Center, the Director of the Center, Philippe Reliquet, asked other French Cultural offices and Alliance Francaise centers around America to consider holding similar *Through Parisian Eyes* book parties and art exhibitions with Melinda Camber Porter. Thus, The Art of Love Exhibition of Art, Books and Film of Melinda Camber Porter was born.

Melinda Camber Porter's *Through Parisian Eyes* along with twenty-two paintings of her paintings traveled around America from 1993 through 1996. The French Cultural Services hired, documentary filmmaker Michael Camerini, who produced a film on Melinda Camber Porter's art, journalism and love of French Culture from her time in Paris and entitled, *The Art of Love*, which was shown on over 140 USA Public Television stations during the four years of the Art of Love Exhibition.

The result was Melinda Camber Porter's *Through Parisian Eyes* and the *Art of Love Tour* went to the following venues in America: New York French Cultural Center (1993); The French Boston Library (1994); Chicago Alliance Francaise (1994); Houston Alliance Francaise (1994); San Francisco Alliance Francaise (1994); Washington DC French Embassy (1994); New Orleans Alliance Francaise (1995); Hartford Alliance Francaise and The West Hartford art League (1995); Miami Alliance Francaise (1995); Sioux Falls, South Dakota Civic Art Center (1996); Golden, Colorado Foothills Art Center (1996); Casper, Wyoming Nicolaysen Art Museum (1996); and started with Melinda Camber Porter's *Through Parisian Eyes* lecture at La Maison Francaise, New York University (1986).



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*Through Parisian Eyes: Reflections on Contemporary French Arts and Culture*  
By Melinda Camber Porter

“The voices and ghosts of French intellectuals – artists, dramatists, film makers, actors, writers and philosophers – mingle in this uniquely constructed volume of interviews and commentary. Melinda Camber Porter juxtaposes her subjects’ ideas against one another by carefully arranging the text’s central issues. Diverse attitudes about the Parisian “scene” emerge, from patriots as well as expatriates. Anouilh tries to persuade us that he is no more than an irresponsible child; Truffaut, that only “women and children” are truly responsible carriers of feeling and culture. Sartre argues with Levi-Strauss and Lacan; Duras, Sagan and Montand speak candidly of work and love. “Through Parisian Eyes” is a particularly readable and brilliantly compiled collection.”

*Boston Globe*

Reviewed by

Susan Monsky (novelist)

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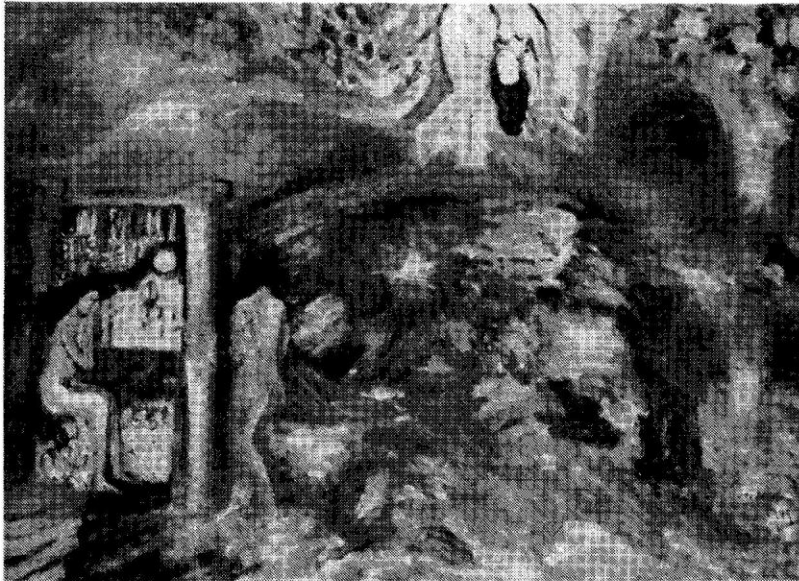
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**L'Alliance Française de Hartford  
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request the pleasure of your company  
at the preview reception in honor of

**Melinda Camber Porter**  
on the occasion of her exhibition:  
*The Art of Love*



**Friday, July 14, 1995**

6:00 p.m to 8:30 p.m.

at

The West Hartford Art League, The Saltbox Gallery

37 Buena Vista Road, West Hartford, CT 06107

L'Alliance Française RSVP:(203) 693-8549

**Exhibition dates: July 14, 1995 - September 24, 1995**

Thursday - Sunday 1p.m. to 4p.m. & by appointment

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The Alliance Française provided some artistic fireworks this fourteenth with the opening of the Art of Love exhibit of Melinda Camber Porter's paintings & books at the Saltbox Gallery on Buena Vista Rd in West Hartford. About 80 people gathered to hear a welcome from Elie Pallandre & Sandra Klebanoff, the mayor of West Hartford, followed by a talk by Ms. Camber Porter about her time in Paris, the influence of France and her artistic process. Wonderful wine, cheese, fruit & vegetables refreshed those present on the warm evening.

Members can see the exhibit until September 24 from 1-4pm Thursday through Sunday. There are books & videos for sale, France magazines to pick up and a wonderful gallery full of paintings for your pleasure.

A year of planning went into this project. Many, many people contributed! The show could never have been possible without the collaboration of Carole Erdman and the West Hartford Art League. For many Alliance members this was a first visit to the wonderful space of the Saltbox Gallery. The reception would not have happened without Joyce Mecartney's refreshments. Volunteer docents for the gallery hours have been arranged by Liz Henstenberg. The press was attentive thanks to Barbara Tucker.

GALLERY OPEN THURS-SUN 1-4PM  
UNTIL SEPTEMBER 24

pictured below Carole Erdman, Melinda & son & Suzanne Mittelman in front of one of Melinda's paintings.



Thanks to those who helped with planning, stuffing invitation envelopes (2,500!), gallery sitting. Suzanne Mittelman, Joyce Mecartney, Terry Hall, Barbara Tucker, Carol Proom, Liz Henstenberg, Eleanor Diemente, Jeannine Nguyen, Vince & Edith Severo, Jean Martineau, Annie Habashi, Ouidade Debray, Silvia Bettega, Mary Stromberg, Berthe Mc Cormick, Sally Cochran, Candy Pallandre, Alice Kane, Ruth Schloss.

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American venues:

USA Public Television Stations, the film, *The Art of Love* (1993-1996)

New York French Cultural Center (1993)

The French Boston Library and Cultural Center (1994)

Chicago Alliance Francaise (1994)

Houston Alliance Francaise (1994)

San Francisco Alliance Francaise (1994)

Washington DC French Embassy (1994)

New Orleans Alliance Francaise (1995)

Hartford Alliance Francaise and The West Hartford art League (1995)

Miami Alliance Francaise (1995)

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Casper, Wyoming Nicolaysen Art Museum (1996).

La Maison Francaise, New York University, Lecture (1986)

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Melinda Camber Porter's YouTube Channel Home:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiflCaF2qpHh8uQgffSXLQ>