

## **Biography**

Born in Paris, Marie-Pierre studied at l'École des Beaux-Arts where her artistic mastery began with a thorough immersion in sketching and oil painting

Mother of three girls, she followed her husband wherever his employment lead and had the unique opportunity of exploring various countries in Asia. The immersion in such different cultures, so fully rich and diverse, had a profound influence over her sensitivity and allowed her to discover and master different procedures that she uses to express herself as appropriate. Now settled in Southern California, Marie-Pierre continuously adds new skills to her palette: Printmaking, Sculpture, Bronze Casting, Stone Carving, Wax, Wood Carving, all contributing to her liberty to elect the medium that will most aptly convey her message or reflect her feelings

Creatively inspired by the moderns like Picasso, Buffet, Cézanne, Rodin and Archipenko, Marie-Pierre is attracted to cubism and abstract art, but may also elect to be figurative according to the emotion she wants to portray or the mood of the moment.

Marie-Pierre is less interested in becoming proficient in one technique than to discover what that technique can do for her art. Her versatility is actually her way of expressing her spontaneity. Creating is the spur of a moment, even with a slower media, such as Stone carving. She is at a loss when she is unable to produce a result rapidly, because what initially inspired her may escape her if she fails to grab it. Her art is to capture the instant or to snatch the movement or to seize the mood and these are her major themes: express the instant, the motion, and the emotion.

Colors play an important part in her paintings, as they are instrumental in exposing contrasting moods and provide a sense of dimension and movement. They are the implements of choice for two-dimensional oeuvres, although they may also provide an added element in a multi-dimensional composition. Other media,

such as stone carving, afford the freedom to express duration and change, and are particularly apt to rendering metamorphosis, which is an intriguing theme in her art. Life is a motion that is constantly veered and altered by external forces and transformation occurs as a result. Three-dimensional media confer the means to expose these transmutations.

Action is a succession of snapshots and Marie-Pierre also likes to catch that progression and combine it in a metamorphosis of the object. One figure in motion results in another shape and the transformation is intriguing and potentially surprising, thus interesting. Evolution or genesis, the magic is in the juxtaposition of the original and final states.

Extending the concept of metamorphosis, the woman body is a source of endless inspirations, for a woman generates life and alters her body in the process. The woman's body is so rich that it can be depicted in myriads of ways according to the perspective of the artist and her feelings at the time, and that body is the envelope sheltering the multi-faceted being inside.

Her work has been exhibited in the States, France and Singapore. She received some national awards and her work is collected internationally, US, Canada, Europe and Asia.

### **Affiliations:**

Member of the NSS (National Sculpture Society)  
Member of the CAC (California Art Club)  
Member of OCFA (Orange County Fine Art)

### **Awards:**

2011 Award of Merit for Sculpture at "Southwest Festival" Indio  
2010 Best of Show at Saddleback College  
2009 3rd prize in Sculpture with "Pen & Brush"  
2009 2nd prize for Sculpture at "Affaire in the Garden"  
2008 2nd prize for Mixmedia at the "Guggenheim Gallery"  
2006 Scholarship at Saddleback College  
2005 2nd place in Sculpture & Scholarship at Saddleback College

## **Coming, Current and Past Exhibits:**

2011

Juried Show “Fine Art & Wine Festival” (Carefree, AZ)  
Juried show “Southwest Art Festival” (Indio, CA)  
Juried show “La Quinta Art Festival” (La Quinta, CA)  
Gallery “La Bottega Dell'AcquaForte” (Laguna Beach, CA)  
Juried Gallery "Xanadu" (Scottsdale, AZ)  
Juried for a life size piece in a Community Center (Tucson, AZ)  
Juried for a life size piece By "Art in Place" (Charlottesville, VA)  
Virtual Juried Gallery: [www.theartgallerist.com](http://www.theartgallerist.com)  
Laguna Beach Festival of Arts (Laguna Beach, CA)  
Juried piece for Public Art By "Art around the Corner" (St George, UT)  
Juried Art Show, Beverly Hills “ Affaire in the Garden ” (Los Angeles, CA)  
Invited to do some Sculpture Demonstrations at the "St Regis" Hotel (Dana Point, CA)  
"Sculpture in the Park", Juried Show (Loveland, CO)  
Group show at "The Happenings Gallery" (Marina del Rey, CA)  
" Sausalito Art Festival ", Juried show (Sausalito. CA )

2010

Juried Art Show, Beverly Hills “ Affaire in the Garden ” (Los Angeles, CA)  
Juried Group Show “ American Woman Artists ” (Dallas, TX)  
Group Show at NohoGallery (North Hollywood, CA)  
Juried Group Show “ National Art Encounter ” (Naples, FL)  
Juried for a life size piece in a Community Center (Tucson, AZ)  
Juried for a life size piece By "Art in Place" (Charlottesville, VA)  
Sculpture in the Park (Loveland, CO)  
Juried Group show "Show some Emotion” (Vancouver)  
Juried Group show at “Art Scene” (Online)  
Laguna Beach Festival of Arts (Laguna Beach, CA)  
Gallery “La Bottega Dell'AcquaForte” (Laguna Beach, CA)  
Juried Show “Fine Art & Wine Festival” (Carefree, AZ)  
Juried show “Southwest Art Festival” (Indio, CA)  
Virtual Juried Gallery: [www.theartgallerist.com](http://www.theartgallerist.com)

2009

Juried Show “Fine Art & Wine Festival” (Carefree, AZ)  
OC Fine Arts (Costa Mesa, CA)  
Gallery “La Bottega Dell'Acquaforte” (Laguna Beach, CA)  
AvantGarden Gallery (Santa Ana, CA)  
Juried Group Show “ Fine Art of the Figure ” (Stanwood, WA)  
Juried Art Show, Beverly Hills “ Affaire in the Garden ” (Los Angeles, CA)  
Virtual Juried Gallery: [www.theartgallerist.com](http://www.theartgallerist.com)  
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<http://www.xanadugallery.com/Art/ArtistGallery.asp?ArtistID=1046>  
Selected for the “Juried Student Art Show” (Saddleback College, CA)

Juried and Awarded in a Sculpture Exhibit with “Pen & Brush” (New York)  
Juried Group show at “Ellen Noel Art Museum” (Odessa, TX)  
Juried Show “ La Jolla Festival Of Art ” (San Diego, CA)  
Group show at the Gallery-Restaurant “Bistango” (Newport Beach, CA)  
Online International Juried Competition & Exhibition: [www.artkudos.com](http://www.artkudos.com)  
Juried for a life size piece in a Community Center (Tucson, AZ)  
Juried Art Show “Sedona Art Festival” (Sedona, AZ)  
Featured Artist at “ Cove Gallery “ (Laguna Beach, CA)

#### 2008

Cove Gallery “Sculptor Guest Artist” (Laguna Beach, CA)  
“Featured Artist” at NoHo Gallery (North Hollywood, CA)  
OC Fine Arts (Costa Mesa, CA)  
Gallery “104” (San Clemente, CA)  
Gallery “Townley Fine Art” ( Laguna Beach, CA)  
Gallery “La Bottega Dell'Acquaforte” (Laguna Beach, CA)  
Art Walk, Juried Show Little Italy ( San Diego, CA)  
Juried Show “Affaire in the Garden”, ( Beverly Hills, CA), May & October  
Summer at the Juried “Art A Fair” Festival (Laguna Beach, CA)  
Juried and Prized at the “Guggenheim Gallery” Chapman University (Orange, CA)  
Few of my paintings had been chosen for the used of a movie "Annabel Lee"

#### 2007

Gallery “104” (San Clemente, CA)  
Gallery “Townley Fine Art” ( Laguna Beach, CA)  
Juried Show (Petaluma, CA)  
“Juried Student Art Show” (Saddleback College, CA)  
Display at “Elite Exit” (Corona Del Mar, CA)  
Gallery OC Fine Arts (Costa Mesa, CA)  
Dana Point Art Festival Juried show (Dana Point, CA)  
Loveland Sculpture Juried Show (Loveland, CO)  
Art Show (Rancho Santa Margarita, CA)  
Juried Show at Beverly Hills “Affaire in the Garden” (Los Angeles, CA)  
Show at “Art de Soul” (Costa Mesa, CA)

#### 2006

Show at “Dana Coastal Arts” (Dana Point, CA)  
Scholarship Winner At “Saddleback College” (Mission Viejo, CA)  
Gallery “104” (San Clemente, CA)  
Gallery “Townley Fine Art” (Laguna Beach, CA)

#### 2005

Selected and Prized at the “Juried Student Art Show” (Saddleback College, CA)  
Scholarship Winner at “Saddleback College” (Mission Viejo, CA)  
Show at “Dana Coastal Arts” (Dana Point, CA)  
Juried Show at Beverly Hills “Affaire in the Garden” (Los Angeles, CA)

Show in Irvine Civic Center (Irvine, CA)

2004

Selected for the “Juried Student Art Show” (Saddleback College, CA)

Show at the Civic Center (Irvine, CA)

WestSide Gallery (San Clemente, CA)

2003

Show with the French Association (Los Angeles, CA)

“Juried Student Art Show” (Saddleback College, CA)

Show at the Sutton Hotel (Newport Beach, CA)

2002

Exhibit at Seaside Gallery (Dana Point, CA)

Exhibit at YMCA (Laguna Niguel, CA)

1999 Exhibit at “French Alliance” (SINGAPORE)

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1992 Group Show in Voiron (FRANCE)

1990 Festival of Art in Chevreuse (FRANCE)

1988 Group Show in Paris (FRANCE)