

HENRIETTE SIMON PICKER

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BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Born March 28, 1917 in Jersey City, NJ, I studied art in Berlin, Germany, where my family lived from 1929 until Hitler's election as German Chancellor in January 1933, and then in New York City at The National Academy and The Art Students League of New York. Driven by the need to support myself and my family, I pursued a successful shoe design career for 44 years. Initially hired in 1935 as the first woman shoe designer at I. Miller, I started and operated my own design and manufacturing businesses (*Simone Fine Shoes to Match* and *Simone Fine Shoes*) in New York and Italy in the 1950s and 1960s. I have continued to paint throughout the nearly 10 decades of my life, but I was not able to devote myself exclusively to it until after the death of my husband, for whom I was full-time caregiver for more than a decade in the 1970s and 1980s. I have begun to promote and exhibit my work only very recently, through a website displaying images of works created from the 1930s to the present (www.hspicker.com) and through two exhibitions scheduled in 2012/13. My commitment to making art remains undiminished and I continue to paint every day with passion and joy.

EDUCATION

1929 - 1932	Fine Arts and Design Paul-Natorp Oberschule	Berlin, Germany
1935	Drawing The National Academy	New York, NY
1940 – 1943	Painting The Art Students League of New York Student of Alexander Brook and Louis Bouché Encouraged and mentored by Yasuo Kuniyoshi and Philip Evergood	New York, NY

EXHIBITIONS

1940 – 1943	Annual Student Group Exhibitions The Art Students League	New York, NY
October 6 - 26, 2012	Solo Exhibition The Hudson River Studio	Hudson, NY
March 5 – April 7, 2013	Solo Retrospective PMW Gallery	Stamford, CT

AFFILIATIONS

Lifetime Membership	The Art Students League of New York	New York, NY
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COLLECTIONS

Belinda Aber	Mary Evangelista
Elizabeth Adams	Jason Money
David Berley	Ursula Oppens
Barbara Carroll	Michael Rohatyn
Alex Chartove	Mr. & Mrs. Howard Solomon