

# Allen M. Hart Biography

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During my first trip to Mexico, I looked up the painter Ignacio Aguere, whom I had met in New York when I was an art student. Ignacio introduced me to most of the artists in the Taller Grafico in Mexico City, including Pablo Higgins, Mendez, and Siqueros. When I returned to New York in 1952, I had a solo show at the Roosevelt House on East 65<sup>th</sup> Street, where I met my future wife. After we were married, we lived in Spain, and traveled throughout Europe and North Africa.

Back in New York, I became the Director of the Visual Arts Center (Greenwich Village) of the Children's Aid Society. I administrated the program, as well as teaching painting and drawing to both children and adults from 1969-1999.

*Born in New York City, 1925.  
Married to Mildred, 1952. Two sons.*

My paintings represent work in oil paint and mixed media, using images in an attempt to concretize a world of highly personal mythology. I have also created highly glazed, imaginative and mythological portraits of animals, as well as expressionistic landscapes and self-portraits.

I became interested in doing book art in the 1960s, attempting to create an intimate use of imagery. The process has continued to this day, and it has included what I believe to be some of my most personal imagery. These books are influenced by medieval illustrated manuscripts, creating jewel-like drawings imbued with a modern sensibility and with the use of line drawings, as well as collage. These books are executed in a style reminiscent of gothic imagery.

## STUDIED

Arts Students League ..... 1940-48  
Anne Gothwaite ..... 1940-42  
Frank Vincent Dumond ..... 1942-44  
Jean Liberte ..... 1946-48  
Brooklyn Museum Art School: Victor Candell  
(Merit Scholarship) ..... 1947-48  
San Nicholas University School of Art, Morelia,  
Michoacan, Mexico: Alfred Zalce.... 1950-52

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Upstream Gallery ..... 1996-2008  
Butler Hall, Fordham University ..... 2005  
National Arts Club ..... 2004  
Rockland County Center for the Arts,  
Nyack ..... 2003  
Westchester Community College,  
Valhalla ..... 2002  
Hudson River Gallery & Conservators,  
Dobbs Ferry ..... 2001  
Atelier A/E, NYC ..... 1997-2000  
Waltuch Gallery of the JCC, Tenafly, NJ. 2000  
Donald Gallery, Dobbs Ferry ..... 1999  
Richard G. Rosenthal YM@WHA,  
Pleasantville ..... 1999  
American Festival of Arts, Sulmona, Italy 1998  
Doral Arrowhead Art Gallery ..... 1998  
St. Cabrini Art Gallery ..... 1996  
Broome St. Gallery, NYC ..... 1992  
House of Living Judaism, NYC ..... 1975  
Lerner Heller Gallery, NYC ..... 1970-71  
Visual Arts Center, NYC ..... 1969-70  
Cober Gallery, NYC ..... 1966-68  
Collectors Gallery, NYC ..... 1956  
Roosevelt House, Hunter College, NYC 1952  
Museum of Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico. 1950

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Upstream Gallery ..... 1996-2008  
Pacini Lubel, Seattle ..... 2007  
Hudson River Gallery Conservators... 2006-07  
Bluedoor Gallery, Yonkers ..... 2004-08  
Rockland Center for the Arts ..... 2000-05  
Pamona Art Center ..... 2005  
Katonah Art Association Exhibit,  
Mt. Kisco ..... 2002  
Collage Society, Nexus Gallery, NYC ..... 2001  
The Rye Arts Center, Rye ..... 1999  
Art on Maine St. Gallery, Yonkers ..... 1999  
Westchester Arts Council Gala,  
White Plains ..... 1999  
Park Avenue Armory:  
Works on Paper, NYC ..... 1998  
Art International NY, Jacob Javits Center 1998  
Museum Gallery, Library, White Plains ... 1997  
Atelier A/E, NYC ..... 1998  
St. Cabrini Art Gallery, Dobbs Ferry ..... 1997  
Valley Art Association ..... 1997  
Multi Media Gallery, Soho ..... 1996  
Lerner Heller Gallery, NYC ..... 1969-71  
University of Massachusetts ..... 1966  
American Federation of the Arts ..... 1967  
Cober Gallery ..... 1963-70  
Roko Gallery 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ..... 1958-64  
Art, USA ..... 1958  
Audubon Artists ..... 1956  
City Center Art Gallery, NYC ..... 1955  
Artist Equity Assoc:  
Whitney Museum Show ..... 1954  
Springfield, MA ..... 1950  
Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts ..... 1950  
Arts Students League Diamond Jubilee .. 1950  
Gallery Neuf ..... 1944

## PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Harry Ransom Center,  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
Butler Institute of American Art,  
Youngstown, OH  
Slater Memorial Museum, Norwich, CT  
Union of American Hebrew  
Congregationalists, NYC  
George Biddle Collection  
The Children's Aid Society

## PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

Conversation With The Artist  
@ Westchester Arts Council ..... 2004  
Honored at the Hammond Museum  
by the Newman Theater  
Celebration of Creativity ..... 2002  
Newman Theater  
Celebration of Creativity ..... 2000  
Video Documentary  
"Life and Work of Allen M. Hart" ..... 2000  
Art Review, Review Magazine ..... 2000  
Book with CD published by Rattapallax  
"Allen M. Hart in Retrospect" ..... 1999  
Westchester Council of the Arts: Roster  
Who's Who in American Art ..... 1970-2007  
International Who's Who in Art and Antiques  
Who's Who in Education  
Artist in the City, NYC Interview ..... 1972  
Selections from the Permanent Collection:  
The Butler Institute of American Art  
(Museum Catalogue) ..... 1968  
Reviews: NY Times, NY Herald Tribune, Art News,  
Art Digest, Art International, Art Speaks, Review  
Magazine, Aufbau (German language press),  
The Enterprise