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## Profile

Marisa Portolese was born in Montréal, Québec. She received a Masters of Fine Arts degree from Concordia University in Montréal in 2001. She has exhibited widely in Canada, Europe and the United States, notably in cities such as Berlin, New York City, Seattle, San Francisco, Montreal, Québec City, Toronto, Palermo and Bologna, Italy. Her work has been written about in various journals, magazines, newspapers, art books and Dazibao publications published a book of her photographs. She has been awarded grants from the Canada and Québec Arts Councils. Her work is part of private and public collections. She is represented by Gallery Lilian Rodriguez in Montreal.

## Experience

Professor, Concordia University, Montreal, Qc, 2001-present  
Instructor, Champlain Regional College, St-Lambert Qc, 1999-2001

## Education

Concordia University, Montreal, Qc—Masters of Fine Arts, 2001

## Solo Exhibitions

Lilian Rodriguez Gallery, Montreal, Québec, **upcoming 2010**

Occurrence Gallery, Montreal, Québec, **upcoming 2011**

**Face à Face- Roberto Pelligrinuzzi et Marisa Portolese**, curator: Thomas Pilati, Gallery Voghera, Milan, Italy, **upcoming 2011**

**Art Soutterain**, Installation à la Cite Internationale, **Imagined Paradise**, curator: Frédéric Loury, Montreal, Québec, 2010

**Marisa Portolese/Adrian Stimson**, IPS Gallery, curators: Penny Cousineau Levine and Zoe Casino, Montreal, Québec, 2008

**Breathless**, Galerie Trois Points, Montreal, Québec, 2007

**The Recognitions**, Galerie Trois Points, Montreal, Québec, 2005

**The Recognitions**, Galerie Séquence, Chicoutimi, Québec, 2005

**Forms of Address/Undress**, Modern Fuel Gallery, Kingston, Ontario, 2004  
Catalogue

**Belle de Jour**, University of California, Berkeley, San Francisco, California, 2003

**Belle de Jour**, Eastern Edge Gallery, St-John's, Newfoundland, 2003

**Belle de Jour**, Observatoire 4, Montreal, Québec, 2002

**Amuletta**, Maison de la Culture Côte des Neiges, Montreal, Québec, 2001

**Amuletta**, Galerie Exart, Montreal, Québec, 2001

**Baptême**, VU Gallery, Québec, Québec, Catalogue, 1995

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## Public Art/Installation Work

**Bloom-Another Day in Paradise**, Cultural Community Centre, CCSE Hochelaga Maisonneuve, Ville de Montréal Public Art Competition, Montreal, Québec, 2008

## Group Exhibitions

**Différents points de vue**, Gallery Lilian Rodriguez, Montreal, Québec, 2009

**Peek**, The Darkroom Gallery, Curator: Debbie Fleming Caffrey, New Orleans, LA, 2009

**L'enfance/Childhood**, École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris la Villette, Paris, France, 2008

**Women Shooting Women: Contemporary Interpretations of Formal Portraiture**, Curator: Karen Florek, Roger Smith Hotel, New York, New York, 2008

**Des Bêtes et des Hommes**, Galerie Trois Points, Montreal, Québec, 2007

**Replaying Narrativity/Explorations Narratives, Théâtre du Nouveau Monde**, public installation, **Mois de la Photo à Montréal 10th edition**, Curator: Marie Fraser, Montreal, Québec, 2007

**Alone**, Gallery 44, Curator: Penny Cousineau Levine, Toronto, Ontario, 2006

**Being in Body**, Mary Elizabeth Dee Shaw Gallery, Kimball Visual Art Center, Weber State University, Curator: Leslie Bellavance, Ogden, Utah, USA, 2006

**Faking Death**, Jack Shainman Gallery, Curator: Penny Cousineau-Levine, New York, New York, 2006

## **Sous l'oeil de la photographe-portraits des femmes 1898-2003**

Curator: Lucie Bureau, travelling exhibition

Gallery Robert McLaughlin, Oshawa, Ontario, 2007

University of Moncton Gallery, Moncton, New Brunswick, 2006

Galerie d'art Union-Vie de Drummondville, Drummondville, Québec, 2006

Centre d'expression St-Hyacinthe, St-Hyacinthe, Québec, 2005

Centre d'exposition de Val d'or, Abitibi, Québec, 2004

**Individuation**, Esthésio art contemporain, Québec, Québec, 2005

**6th Biennial**, A.I.R. Gallery, Curator: Maura Reilly, New York, New York, 2005

**Northwest Annual**, Center on Contemporary Art, Curator: Ken Lum, Seattle, WA, 2004

**SIX**, Observatoire 4, Curator: Penny Cousineau Levine, Montreal, Québec, 2003

**Persona Grata**, Stewart Hall Gallery, Curators: Maurice Forget and Joyce Millar, Point-Claire, Québec, 2003, Arts Sutton, Sutton, Québec, 2003

**Les Fleurs du Mal**, Vu Gallery/ Jardin St-Roch, Québec, Québec, 2003

**Young Fiction**, Gallery Trois Points, Curator: Evergon, Montreal, Québec, 2003

**Galleries Éphémères**, Observatoire 4, Montreal, Québec, 2000

**Au delà du Rêve Américain**, Gallery 318, Belgo Building, Montréal, Québec, 1999

**At the Origin of Memory: A Selection of Works by Montreal Artists of Italian Descent**

Curator: Anna Carlevaris, Cantieri Culturali Alla Zisa/Ducrot Gallery, Palermo Sicily, Italy, 1999

Palazzo Barracano, Bologna, Emilia Romagna, Italy, 1999

**Et les Villes S'éclaboussaient de Bleu**, Strathearn Intercultural Center, Catalogue Montreal, Québec, 1994

**21 Lieux Photographiques**, Centre International D'art Contemporain, Montreal, Québec, 1993

**En Dehors de Soi**, Dazibao Gallery, Catalogue, Montreal, Québec, 1993

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## Curatorial Work

### **Inspirations, Dialogues with the William Notman Archives**

Co-curated with H  l  ne Samson (Curator of Photography)  
McCord Museum, McGill Street Project  
Montreal, Qu  bec, May to October 2008

### **Pixelware, Une Sublime Forgerie/A Sublime Forgery**

Curators: Sarah Angelucci, France Chonier   and Marisa Portolese  
Dazibao Gallery, Montreal, Qu  bec  
Gallery 44, Toronto, Ontario, 2005

**XX5**, VAV Gallery, FINE ARTS DONORS EVENT, Concordia University, Montreal, Qu  bec, 2001

## Publications, Monographs, Catalogues, Texts

**Explorations Narratives/Replaying Narrative**, Mois de la Photo    Montr  al, 10th edition,  
Montreal, Qu  bec, 2007, Exhibition Catalogue

**ALONE**, text by Penny Cousineau Levine, published by Gallery 44 and Gallery TPW, Toronto,  
Ontario, 2006, Exhibition Catalogue

**Les Humeurs du corps dans l'oeuvre de Marisa Portolese**, Christine Palmieri, Tessera-  
Languages Volume, 37/38, January 2006, pg 86-99

**Self Portraits in Contemporary Canadian Photography**, Publications L'opposite from J'ai Vu  
Editions, 2004, pg 86-87

**Forms of Address/Undress**, Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre Publications, text by Gjennifer  
Snider, Exhibition Catalogue, 2004

**Sous l'oeil de la photographe-portraits des femmes 1898-2003**, Text by Lucie Bureau,  
published by the Centre d'exposition de Val D'or, Catalogue 2004

**Jaded**, Esse Arts et Opinions, no. 52: Pr  sent, Du commentaire social, October 2004, Montr  al,  
Qu  bec, 2004

### **Un Chevreuil    la Fen  tre de ma Chambre, Collection Des Photographes**

Dazibao Publications, photography by Marisa Portolese, text by Marie-  ve Gagnon  
Montreal, Qu  bec, 2003

**Faking Death, Canadian Art Photography and the Canadian Imagination**, Penny  
Cousineau-Levine, Mc Gill Queen's University Press, 2003, pgs 114, 177, 234, 235

**Nudes and Portraits, Belle de Jour, CV PHOTO**, texts by Jacques Doyon and Dayna McLeod  
Montreal, Fall Issue, 2002

**Belle de Jour**, Box Set, Limited Edition, 2002

**Bapt  me**, Exhibition Catalogue, Vu Gallery, Qu  bec, Qu  bec, 1995

**Bapt  me**, *Possibles*, Montr  al, Volume 19-no.4, autumn 1995

**Et les Villes S'  claboussaient de Bleu**, Catalogue, Strathearn Intercultural Center, Montreal,  
Qu  bec, 1994

**En Dehors de Soi**, Catalogue, text by Andre Martin and Martine Meilleur, Dazibao Publications,  
Montr  al, Qu  bec, 1993

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## Selected Reviews

- 2008 Tousignant Isa, Hour Montreal, Male Magnificence, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, internet edition
- 2007 Mavrikakis Nicolas, Voir Montréal, Gros plan, Arts visuels, Sept 6, 2007,pg 28
- 2007 Tousignant Isa, Hour Montreal, Other Local Luminaries, Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007, pg 8
- 2007 Tousignant Isa, Canadian Art Magazine, Marisa Portolese, summer 2007, vol 24, no.2, pg 95
- 2007 Tousignant Isa, Hour Montreal, Inhaling Deep, Feb 8, 2007 vol.15:06, pg 21
- 2007 Levitz David, The McGill Daily, The Cerebral Space of Beauty, Jan 18, vol 96, no.2
- 2007 Mavrikakis Nicolas, Voir Montréal, Portolese, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 ,vol no.21-05, pg 42
- 2005 Bois, Michel, Changer de Peau, Vie Des Arts Magazine, pg 70-71, fall edition
- 2005 Campbell, James, Marisa Portolese, Border Crossings Magazine,, Vol.24, Number 3, Issue no. 95, pg 99-101
- 2005 Bois, Michel, Être ou ne pas être....., Le Soleil, Visual Arts section, July 23, 2005,pg 24
- 2005 Côté, Nathalie, Individuation/ Et moi et moi et moi, Voir Québec, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005,pg 14
- 2005 Côté, Éléonore, Play/Pose, Voir Saguenay, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005,pg 23
- 2005 Fast Forward, Canadian Art, Summer issue 2005, Volume 22, Number 2
- 2005 Crevier, Lyne, Visages Longs, 2 juin, 2005, ICI Montréal, pg 38
- 2005 Lehmann, Henri. Scowl Please, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2005, The Montreal Gazette, pg W2
- 2004 Hackett, Regina, 2004 COCA Annual. Seattle Post Intelligencer, Arts and Entertainment, October, pg 35
- 2004 Kangas, Matthew, Still Annual, but alas barely Northwest, Seattle Times, Visual Arts, October, pg 49
- 2004 Engelson, Matthew, Visual Arts Pick, Northwest Annual, Seattle Weekly, November, pg 67
- 2003 Crevier, Lynne, Sextuor, Ici Montréal, October 2003,pg 27
- 2003 Crevier, Lynne, Belle de Jour, Ici Montréal, August 2003, pg 30
- 2003 Saget, Flore, Un Chevreuil à la fenêtre de ma Chambre, Voir Montréal, Sept, 2003, pg 40
- 2003 Mavrikakis, Nicolas, Survol de la Photo Actuelle, Voir, Sept 17, pg 51
- 2003 Geneviève Thibault, Tout Feu Tout Flamme, La Gazette Des Femmes, Sept/Oct 2003 Vol.25/no.3, pg 45
- 2003 Danielle Laurin, Féminin Pluriel, Elle Québec, Sept 2003, pg 50
- 2003 Kathie Nicholson, Ménage à Trois, Bulletin Eastern Edge, St-John's, Newfoundland, pg 2-3
- 2003 Milada Kovacova, Artist Run Centers, Mix Magazine, Volume 28.4, Spring 2003, pg 16
- 2002 Redfern, Christine, Photo Fiction, Montreal Mirror, December 12, 2002, pg 20
- 2002 Schaëffner, Yves, Review of CV Photo Portfolio, September 12, 2002, pg 2
- 2002 Lehmann, Henry, Following the greats to great effect, The Montreal Gazette February 2, pg J4
- 2002 Delgado, Jérôme, Se Laisser Regarder, La Presse, January 26, pg 17
- 2002 Tousignant, Isa, Women in the Lens, Hour, January 17, pg 27
- 2001 Dufour, Robert, Amuletta-Voir Internet Edition, June/July

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- 2001 Slutsky, Mark, Story of the Eye, Montreal Mirror, July 19<sup>th</sup>, pg 34  
2000 Lehmann, Henri, Art and Commerce Meet on the Main, The Montreal Gazette, September 9, 2000, pg J2  
2000 Palumbo, Michel, Les Signes D'une Absence, Vie Des Arts, no 178, spring, pg 58  
1999 Nicita, Paola, Le Origini della Memoria-Oggi Sicilia-Palermo, Sicily, Italy, August 12, 1999, pg 12  
1995 Lachance, Marie-Marisa Portolese/Nicole Doucet, Voir Québec, Québec May 25, vol 4. No.11, pg 25  
1993 Lehmann Henry, Art, Montreal Mirror, March 17, vol.9, No.42 , pg 23  
1992 Cron, Marie-Michèle, Quand la Photo Courtise la Peinture, Le Devoir, Montréal, September 26, pg C13  
1992 Aquin, Stéphane, Kid Kodak, Voir, Montréal, September 17, 1992, pg 20  
1992 Moreau, Yvan-Court Circuit-ETC Montréal, No.20, November 1992, pg 51

## Radio/Television/Websites/Cd-Roms

[www.marisaportolese.com](http://www.marisaportolese.com)

Personal Website

<http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk/yourgallery/artistprofile/Marisa-Portolese/25364.html>

Saatchi gallery, UK based on line art gallery

[www.photo-eye.com](http://www.photo-eye.com)

Photo-eye gallery on line art gallery

[www.berthmag.com](http://www.berthmag.com)

South American (Argentina, on line magazine)

[www.ccca.ca](http://www.ccca.ca)

On line Contemporary Canadian Art gallery

[http://www.artincontext.org/artist/p/marisa\\_portolese/](http://www.artincontext.org/artist/p/marisa_portolese/)

On line American gallery

[www.voxphoto.com/fondsdocumentaire.html](http://www.voxphoto.com/fondsdocumentaire.html)

Vox gallery virtual museum of works by Québec Photographers

[www.cbcradio3.com/issues](http://www.cbcradio3.com/issues)

On line magazine and gallery showcasing artist works

Behind the Lens, Chum's Fashion Television Channel, Documentary series on Photographers in Canada.

Richardson's Round Up, CBC Radio, Interview with Bill Richardson concerning thesis work.

## Residencies

Centre Sagamie, Sagamie, Québec, 2008

Vermont Studio Center, Johnson Vermont, 2004

## Visiting Artist Lectures

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

University of California, Berkeley Extension, San Francisco, California

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

University of Laval, Québec, Québec

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## Awards/Grants

2009-AARE Grant, Concordia University  
2008-FRDP Grant, Concordia University  
2007-Artistic Research and Creation Grant-Québec Arts Council/CALQ  
2007-Travel Grant-Québec Arts Council/CALQ  
2007-SSHRC Travel Grant, Concordia University  
2007-CASA, Seed Research Grant, Concordia, University  
2006-CASA, Seed Research Grant, Concordia, University  
2005-Creation/Production Grant-The Canada Council for the Arts  
2004-Travel Grant-The Canada Council for the Arts  
2004-Vermont Studio Center Fellowship, Concordia University  
2002/2003- Creation/Production Grant-The Canada Council for the Arts  
2002/2003-Artistic Creation Grant – Québec Arts Council/CALQ  
2001-Dumaurier Arts Council Grant  
2000-Creation/Production Grant-The Canada Council for the Arts  
2000-Canadian Italian Business Partnership Association (CIBPA) scholarship  
1999-Travel Grant-The Canada Council for the Arts  
1999-Travel Grant-Québec Arts Council/CALQ  
1995-Creation/Production Grant-Québec Arts Council /CALQ

## Collections

Conseil des Arts et Lettres de Montréal  
Ville de Montréal  
Cirque du Soleil  
Permanent Collection, Musée National Des Beaux-Arts du Québec  
Prêt d'oeuvres d'art Collection, Musée National Des Beaux-Arts du Québec  
Private collections across Canada, The United States and Europe.

## Special Projects

Artist Portraits/Portraits d'Artistes, Conseil des Arts de Montréal/Montreal Arts Council, traveling portraits of artists and their work across the city of Montreal, 2008/2009

Society for Photographic Education Conference, Denver, Colorado, 2008

Fotobild Berlin, Portfolio review/Art Fair, Berlin, Germany, 2007

Santa Fe Center for Photography, Portfolio review, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2006

Toronto Art Fair, Toronto, Ontario, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009

President, Board of Directors at the Dazibao Gallery, Montreal, Québec, 2003-2007

Artistic Adviser for the Board of Directors at the Observatoire 4 Gallery, Montreal, Québec, 2002

Research Assistant for Penny Cousineau Levine on her book 'Faking Death-Canadian Art Photography since 1955', Montreal, Québec, 2001-2002

Researcher and Assistant to the Curator of Contemporary Art, Mr. Stéphane Aquin at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, Québec, 1999-2000