

Press Release: Upcoming Exhibition

Sculptor Margaret Lovell at 82. Modernist bronze sculptures

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Margaret Lovell D.Litt. Hon FRBS RWA, the eminent British Modernist sculptor, will celebrate her 82nd birthday in March. The award-winning Porthminster Gallery honours the artist and her work with an online and in-gallery selling show of polished, and patinated cast bronze abstract sculptures, spanning the past 6 decades of Lovell's career, expressing the sculptural 'language' which is very recognisably her own.

The graceful planes and movements of *Head*, *Leaf*, *Sail*, *Bird*, and *Fish* motifs, are all expressed in Lovell's graceful, flowing polished forms that recall the streamlined sculptures of the so-called 'father' of modern sculpture, Brancusi, rather than the works of Hepworth, Moore, and other British minimalist sculptors with whom she is generally, but mistakenly, aligned with.

Margaret Lovell was born in Bristol in 1939 and is a Royal West of England Academician and a Fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors. Following graduation from the Slade School of Fine Art, London in 1962, Lovell visited St Ives where she was introduced to the eminent sculptor Barbara Hepworth who mentored her in her studio practice. Lovell was later exhibited alongside Hepworth and many other important St Ives and British names, both in St Ives and London. Margaret Lovell was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2012 from the University of Leicester. She now lives in New Zealand.

Lovell has undertaken commissions across the UK, Europe and the USA for such clients as John Player, Unilver and the Arts Council of Great Britain. Her work is largely in bronze and varies in size from a few inches to eighteen feet in height.

In 2009 the Porthminster Gallery celebrated Margaret's 70th birthday and the publication of the book *Margaret Lovell: Sculptor*, with a hugely successful retrospective solo. Also that year, her work was selected by the Turner Prize winning artist and ceramicist Grayson Perry, to feature in the national touring show 'Unpopular Culture' during 2009/10.

Price range of Margaret Lovell Sculptures: £500 – £15,000

Caption and courtesy information:	Margaret Lovell (b. 1939)	Margaret Lovell (b. 1939)	Margaret Lovell (b. 1939)
Courtesy the artist and Porthminster Gallery	'Bird Movement V', 1968 patinated cast bronze, AC of 4 480mm x 190mm	'Paleos IV', 2004 polished cast bronze, AC of 2 770mm x 95mm	'Perasma II', 2015 polished cast bronze, ed. of 4 1080mm x 130mm