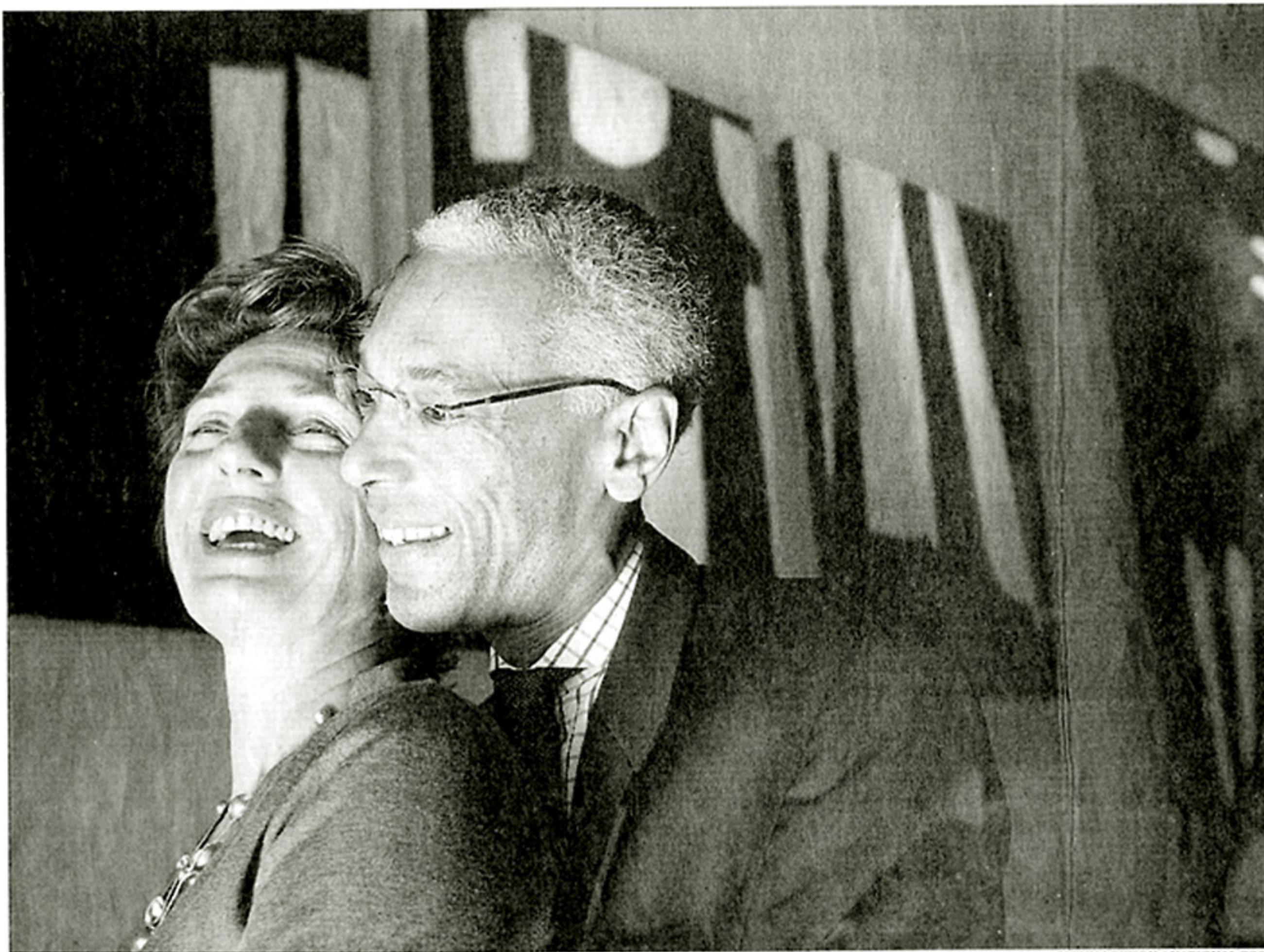


# glittering prizes



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## DANTE AND FRANÇOISE LARCADE

They were childhood sweethearts in Nice. They married other people and moved to far-flung cities. But Fate did its cheeky dance and they came together again. Now these franco-artisans run a must-see gallery on Queen and live and loll upstairs.

### DANTE LARCADE

**Age 50**

**Background** Father was an art dealer. Moved to T.O.

**Education** Studied economics at a French university.

**Employment** Owner, Roseland Gallery.

**Hobbies** Sailing, wine-tasting, scouting the

world for designers.

**Club** Domain of Killien (wine-tasting).

**Board, charity work** West Queen West Art + Design District association, Casey House, Opera Atelier.

**Fave T.O. cultural/artistic aspect** "The vibrancy and the individuality. Toronto is the combination of a lot of individuality."

**What animal does your partner remind you of?** A mongoose, the furry animal that is a predator of the snake.

**Fun fact** Has French, Canadian and American passports.

### FRANÇOISE LARCADE

**Age 50**

**Background** French. Toronto since 2000.

**Education** Economics and public relations at a French university.

**Employment** Owner, Roseland Gallery.

**Hobbies** Art and travel.

**Board and charity work** None. "I like to be free."

**Fave T.O. artistic/cultural aspect** "I love the mixing of different cultures here."

**What animal does your partner remind you of?** A raccoon.

**Fun fact** Loves visiting Japan.