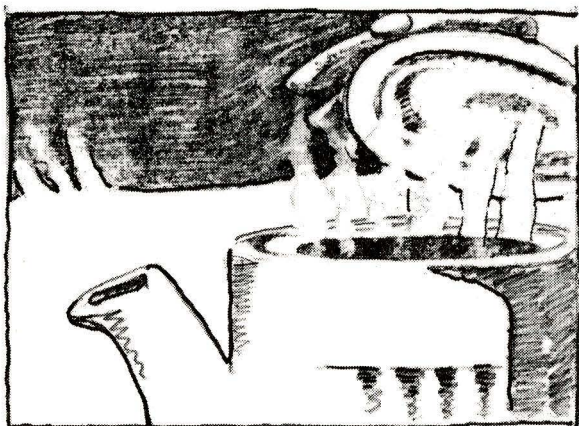


JACK CHAMBERS: BIOGRAPHY

- 1931 - Jack Chambers was born in Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario March 25th.
- 1944 - Attended Beck Collegiate, receiving art instruction from Selwyn Dewdney.
- 1946 - Continued secondary school studies at H. B. Beal Technical School under the tutelage of Herb Ariss and John O'Henly.
- 1949 - Received Young Artist's Award at the 9th Annual Western Ontario Exhibition, London Public Library and Art Museum.
 - Graduated from Beal.
 - Spent six months travelling through Mexico.
 - Wrote "Aircraft."
- 1950 - Returned to London.
 - Worked in construction; learned the trade of grinding optical lenses.
- 1952 - Enrolled in General Arts programme at the University of Western Ontario.

- 1953 - Withdrew from classes in March.
- Sailed for Naples in September.
- 1953-54 - Travelled through Italy, Austria, France and Spain.
- Applied to the San Fernando Academia de Bellas Artes in Madrid.
- Was accepted in August and began attending classes in drawing, painting, modelling in clay, anatomy, art history, technique, design, pedagogy, engraving, mural painting and restoration.
- 1957 - Became the first recipient of an E. T. Greenshields Foundation Award.
- Subsequently spent a summer in Stoke-by-Clare, England, where he taught art classes and organized exhibitions. Returned to Spain.
- Converted to Roman Catholicism.
- 1958 - Awarded the State Prize for Painting and the Paular Scholarship for Landscape Painting (Madrid).
- 1959 - Graduated from the Academia. Moved to Chinchon, Spain.
- 1960 - Employed as a chauffeur and translator for the World Health Organization.
- Spent summer touring leper colonies.
- Travelled through France, Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Italy.
- Settled in Madrid.
- First one-man exhibition at Lorca Gallery in Madrid.
- 1961 - Returned to London, Ontario upon learning that his mother was dying of cancer.
- Began teaching at the Artists Workshop, London.
- 1962 - Published poetry and short stories in *Alphabet Magazine*.
- 1963 - Married Olga Sanchez Bustos in St. Peter's Church, London, Ontario.
- First Canadian one-man exhibition at Isaacs Gallery, Toronto.
- Letter to Daryl Dukes.
- 1964 - Exhibited work in the New York Worlds Fair.
- Made *Mosaic*, first film.



- 1965 - One-man exhibition in Forum Gallery, New York.
 - Canada Council Grant.
- 1966 - One-man exhibition at Agnes Lefort Gallery, Montreal.
 - Canada Council Grant.
 - Began experimenting with silver painting.
 - Film: *Little Red Riding Hood*.
- 1967 - One-man exhibition at 20/20 Gallery, London, Ontario.
 - Canada Council Grant.
 - Founded Canadian Artists Representation.
 - Films: *Hybrid* & *R 34*.
- 1968 - Founded London Film Makers' Co-op.
 - One-man exhibition at Gallery III, Winnipeg.
 - Canada Council Grant: Remaco Award for Painting: Labatt's Breweries Award for Documentary Film (*R 34*).
 - Film: *Circle* begun.
- 1969 - Diagnosed as having acute myeloblastic leukemia.
 - Wrote manifesto on "perceptual realism," published in *Artscanada*.
 - Received Honorary LL.D. from the University of Western Ontario.
 - Painted *401 Towards London #1*, first in the style of perceptual realism.
 - Finished film *Circle*.
 - Film: *Hart of London* begun.
- 1970 - Major retrospective of work organized jointly by the Art Gallery of Ontario and the Vancouver Art Gallery and exhibited in both galleries.
 - *Sunday Morning #2* received the highest price ever paid to a living Canadian artist for a single work of art.
 - Finished film *Hart of London*. Started filming, *C.C.C.I.* (never finished).
 - Film: *Life Still* begun (never finished).
- 1971 - National Gallery purchased three of Chambers' films.
- 1972 - Travelled to Texas and England seeking medical treatment.
- 1973 - Spent three weeks as Artist in Residence at Banff School of Fine Arts.
 - Received gold medal from the University of Alberta, Calgary.
 - Travelled to New York and Mexico for medical treatment.
 - Festival of Independent "Avant Garde" Films, Montreal.
- 1974 - Travelled to England for medical treatment.
 - Spent three weeks as Artist in Residence at Banff School of Fine Arts.
- 1975 - Travelled to India for medical treatment.
- 1977 - Received Queen Elizabeth Silver Jubilee Medal and Canada Council Grant.
 - Returned to India.
 - World Film Festival, Montreal.
- 1978 - Died on April 13th at Victoria Hospital, London.