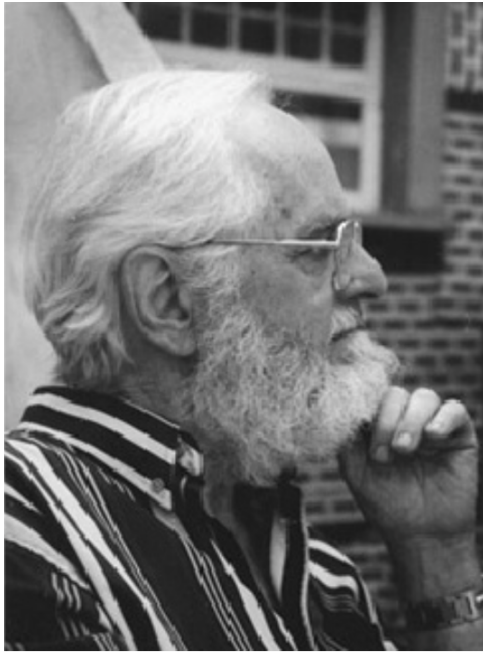


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### Robert Perine, 81, Author Who Revived Art Institute, Dies

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PASADENA, Calif., Nov. 14 - Robert Perine, a prolific jack-of-all-trades in the creative arts fields who helped found a revitalized version of the historic Chouinard Art Institute, died on Nov. 6, The Los Angeles Times reported. He was 81.

A graduate of and instructor at Chouinard, Mr. Perine wrote a critical book, "Chouinard: An Art Vision Betrayed," about the institute in 1985 after Walt Disney bailed it out of debt and turned it into the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia.

He and Dave Tourje started the Chouinard Foundation a dozen years after the book had renewed interest in the institute. They started a newsletter and held exhibitions and auctions to raise money for the new school, which opened in South Pasadena in 2003.

The original school operated from 1921 to 1972.

Revival plans by Mr. Perine and Mr. Tourje piqued interest in 2001, when they arranged museum exhibitions by Chouinard alumni. Mr. Perine served as co-director and taught design, figure drawing and watercolor painting after the new Chouinard opened last year.

He attended Pasadena City College before joining the Navy as a painter during World War II. He later attended the University of Southern California and graduated from Chouinard in 1950.

Mr. Perine was also an artist and writer who published books about the craft under his Artra Publishing Company. His artwork is housed in more than 200 permanent collections across the country. He also had a graphic design firm and created logos and marketing materials.