

## CANYON ROAD SPOTLIGHT

# Karla Winterowd

as told to Leah Pinkus

Karla Winterowd is the longtime owner of Winterowd Fine Art, a Canyon Road staple. She has recently opened another gallery on Canyon Road, Kay Contemporary Art.

**Describe a typical day for you as a Canyon Road gallery owner.** I can honestly say that each day, as I turn from Paseo de Peralta onto Canyon Road, I am beginning a day of true adventure. On any given day, you may find me engaged by phone or in person with a longtime or new collector, planning a studio visit with one of our artists, organizing a trip to any number of contemporary art shows across the country, hanging an exhibition of new work with one of my incredible staff members, or making boxes by hand to ship a fabulous piece of glass, and always, quite simply, feeling the delight of being surrounded by such life-affirming beauty made by our incredible, devoted artists.

**What has been most satisfying about opening a second gallery on Canyon Road?** Expansion into a second gallery, Kay Contemporary Art, has been a great opportunity for me and my staff. All is flowing with grace and ease. I am now engaging with more artists and collectors, and getting more exercise and sunshine walking to and from the galleries.

**What are you most excited about for this new gallery?** There is terrific excitement about sharing amazing artists with all who walk through our doors. At Kay Contemporary Art, we love being in a nearly 300-year-old adobe building that is rich with tradition. The outdoor sculpture gardens offer a gorgeous, serpentine space to showcase even more art, surrounded by wondrous greenery.

**Can you tell us about some of the artists you will represent in the new gallery?** Paramount in our lush outdoor sculpture gardens are exquisite metal origami sculptures by Kevin Box. Inside, on our warm adobe walls, you will find exceptional paintings by Rick Stevens, Kate Rivers and Jessica Pisano, among others. We always like to keep it fresh, adding new artists and new works often.

**How is Canyon Road evolving?** I have been blessed with the opportunity to work on this historic road for almost twenty years, sixteen of which at Winterowd Fine Art. On Canyon Road, one can feel change in the air, vibrant and alive, as new galleries and engaging one-of-a-kind shops open up. There is a nice flow of new business owners to welcome. It is refreshing for all of us.

**What piece of advice do you have for someone visiting Canyon Road for the first time?** Prepare for an incredible day where all of your senses will be engaged. You'll visit world-class galleries, one-of-a-kind boutiques, cozy cafes and some of the finest restaurants our city has to offer. Lively art conversation fills the air! I look forward to welcoming you on your next visit to Canyon Road.

