

# MES AMIS LES POISSONS

**DIRECTOR**

Sylvie Laliberté

**DURATION**

11:16

**YEAR**

1998

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

French

**CATEGORY**

Video Art

**DESCRIPTION**

"I capture little chosen moments. I snatch them from the subject and the subject is me. I speak in an off-hand manner. I catch floating moments on a nice body of water. My work has something specific about it : it suits me. I can sing, waddle about, and say things. A woman sitting any place is already something. It's usually elegant if you don't mind crossing your legs. Mine are crossed."

**IMAGE FORMAT**

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**FURTHER INFORMATION**

"At the other extreme, viewers settled down comfortably to watch Sylvie Laliberte's Mes amis les poissons (1998). I felt impatient watching her happily paddling in water - thinking about all the ways in which 'real time' videos waste mine - until a friend explained that the script, which was in French, was not only hilarious but crucial to an understanding of the piece. My respect increased : in a perverse way, potential inaccessibility and an insistence on difference seem to me to be what Biennales ought to be about."

PALMER, Laurie. "Montreal Biennale", frieze, no 44, January-February 1999, [[http://www.frieze.com/issue/review/montreal\\_biennale/](http://www.frieze.com/issue/review/montreal_biennale/)]

**KEYWORDS**

Play on words, Slippage of meaning, Swimming pool, Subjectivity, Summer, Underwater camera

**THEMES**

Art and culture

Identity

Society