AT THE MACKENZIE
Hello, hallito, bonjour, tawnshi, hau, bozhoo, kamusta, ni hào, assalam-o-alaikum, namaste, sat sri aakaal!

I am excited to welcome you to the fall/winter exhibitions and programs at the MacKenzie Art Gallery. We are in a state of unprecedented change as a society, and artists are helping usher us through, inspiring new understandings and future realities, bringing us comfort and beauty, celebrating the incredible richness of our past and present communities, and inspiring a sense of community in times of perceived isolation.

In this season’s exhibitions: Spazio Disponibile helps us contemplate our place in the larger world, while Kara Uzelman lets us marvel at the unknown. Beyond the Stone Angel provides space for our collective grief, a reminder of community and the pause we may need to take and offer to others. Norval Morrisseau offers a model for how to define a new artistic movement that does not discard what preceded it, but instead honours and strengthens the work of our ancestors. Meanwhile, Piña, Why Is the Sky Blue? presents a moving portrayal of ancestral knowledge, imagining how our future ancestors may connect and build upon those legacies.

We are excited to invite you to Craft Services by Crave, to sit with friends and family as you take time with these exhibitions and the programs we are happy to be hosting, both in-person and online. We thank you for spending your time with us; enjoy the fresh air, calm, serenity, and stimulation that art brings into our lives.

John G. Hampton
Executive Director & CEO

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

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Community Watch is the second in a series of year-long exhibitions that explore the depths of our permanent collection and the roles it plays in society. Since the 1960s, the idea of community has evolved significantly as a result of urbanization and mass media. The experience of knowing your neighbours has been replaced, in many cases, by apathy, isolation, and even paranoia. It is not too much to say that the idea of community itself has been under a kind of surveillance.

Artists have been among those whose observation has helped us understand evolving ideas of community. At times, their work affirms our belief in social groups as spaces of belonging, where identities are nurtured and protected. At other times, they pull the veil back on the exclusions that, all too often, lie behind our happy group portraits. Wilf Perreault’s painting Guiding Light, which stands at the entrance to this exhibition, can be seen as an emblem of urban inclusion, where kids play and neighbours talk; near to it, a figure sleeping on a park bench in Alex Colville’s print Köln Express speaks to those on the outside looking in.

Throughout the exhibition, artists provide commentary on current challenges to community, whether rooted in war, racism, sexism, ageism, environmental change, or economic oppression. In many works, a hopeful image emerges of the possibilities of collective action through the agency of artists, women, Indigenous peoples, families, and spiritual communities—even organized sports. Visitors to the exhibition are encouraged to join these artists in watching community—to celebrate its beauty, acknowledge its darker corners, and consider what positive contributions they can make.
Beyond the Stone Angel is an exhibition of deep personal significance to me as it grew out of the loss of both my parents in a short span in 2015-2016. As I was processing that loss, I became aware of a surprising range of artworks addressing this subject, including a handful of works already in the MacKenzie’s collection. The resulting exhibition of twelve artists is a poetic exploration that provides an entrance point to the grief that has affected so many of us, especially as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Using their first-hand experiences to peel back the veneer of convention, the artists in this exhibition explore the life-altering aspects of this event. Their loss is articulated through a variety of cultural and artistic frames, often influenced by their diasporic, gender, and post-colonial identities.

One constant in the works is a movement of attention from the concrete details of a life lived to something that is ephemeral, transparent, beyond the veil. In this in-between space, presence and absence, beauty and sickness, memory and oblivion, the individual and the cosmic, flicker and fluctuate. Stone-like opacity and spiritual transcendence overlap creating poignant monuments to the life-givers who have left.

Timothy Long, Head Curator

**ARTISTS IN THE EXHIBITION**
Gabriela Agüero, Laura Barrón, Shauna Beharry, Deborah Carruthers, Erika DeFreitas, Sherry Farrell Racette, Gabriela Garcia-Luna, Spring Hurlbut, Zachari Logan, Bev Pike, Robin Poitras, and Lyla Rye

The death of a parent or grandparent is often the start of a search: for answers, for lost connections, for origins. Sometimes that journey is physical, requiring a return to the site of loss. At other times the journey is through memory, sparking a reevaluation of past events and relationships. As the films in this program show, such journeys are like reflections in water: ripples created by distance, disease, and dislocation fade away to reveal the depths of what is shared. As Syafiq Jaafar ruminates, “Our journeys are not the same, but our home will always be.” Through the medium of moving images we are privileged to share these journeys in all their dimensions of anger, grief, discovery, and love.
MISKWAABIK ANIMIIKI POWER LINES
The Work of Norval Morrisseau

13 NOVEMBER 2021 – 3 APRIL 2022
Kenderdine Gallery

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Norval Morrisseau (1931–2007) continues to be a leading figure in Canadian contemporary art discourse. *Miskwaabik Animiiki Power Lines: The Work of Norval Morrisseau* centres Anishinaabe concepts of relationality, family, and kinship ties through the iconography of Anishinaabe storytelling and the Woodland style of painting that Morrisseau initiated. Although his groundbreaking work is often targeted for co-optation and is reproduced as a part of Canadian iconography, Morrisseau was cognizant of the ways in which Canada produced narratives to sanitize its fraught history and ignore the violence of settler colonial nation building. For the Anishinaabeg and the Cree, Morrisseau’s stories and iterations of family will demonstrate the mobility of Indigenous-centred knowledges. Morrisseau proclaimed his works as modern-day amulets—which are traditionally carried by his people for protection and strength. His work reflects a worldview that speaks through stories and relationality.

*Miskwaabik Animiiki Power Lines: The Work of Norval Morrisseau* features a survey of paintings, drawings, audio recordings, and ephemera from various stages of his career as a visual artist.

THE WORKS OF NORVAL MORRISSEAU PRESENTED ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH WESTERKIRK WORKS OF ART.
Dawit L. Petros’s *Spazio Disponibile*—Italian for “available space”—presents works that underline the unexplored links between colonization, migrations and modernism to scrutinize historical gaps in European memory, particularly that of modern Italy. Alluding to vacant advertising sections that appeared in *Rivista Coloniale*, a widely circulated early 20th century magazine and the official organ of the Italian colonial project, the title is also a reference to the colonial gaze that viewed the lands of Africa as “available” space to occupy and exploit.

Petros’s art reflects his research into the complex layers of colonial and postcolonial histories connecting East Africa and Europe. Employing archival materials collected over a period of seven years, documents that attest to the Italian presence in Ethiopia and Eritrea between the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Petros has developed an expansive suite of works that reflect on the lingering effects of colonial memory. Composed of a multimedia installation of serigraphs, photographs, sculptural works, a film and soundscape, the works highlight the ties between the contemporary resurgence of nationalism and a suppressed colonial past.

Dawit L. Petros lives and works in Chicago and Montreal. He received his MFA in Visual Art from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts University, Boston; a BFA in Photography from Concordia University, Montreal; a BFA in History from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon; and completed the Whitney Independent Study Program, New York.

The exhibition is organized and circulated by The Power Plant in collaboration with The Mackenzie Art Gallery, Regina, and with exhibition coordination from Tak Pham, Associate Curator. It was sponsored by the TD Ready Commitment, and generously supported by lead donor Lonti Ebers. Additional support for the tour was provided by the Gilder.
In this video/virtual reality installation, Stephanie Comilang and Simon Speiser explore an artificial intelligence assistant that has gained consciousness through an upload of customary Filipina and Ecuadorian world views. Taking cues from pre-colonial matriarchal lineages, the artists evoke links between ancestral knowledge and an imagined future AI. Drawing on interviews with the artists’ families and broader communities, Comilang and Speiser present an intersection of futures and traditions as a continuum held together by feminine knowledge and power.
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Enhance your next walk through Wascana Centre by learning about the art and the artists who created them.

The artworks on the tour are part of the MacKenzie’s permanent collection and are on display on the grounds around the Gallery for you to enjoy year round.

Download the map for your walking tour at mackenzie.art

Mary Arts-Pikwákwénionk Longman, Ancestors Rising, 2005-06, bronze, copper cable, stone. Collection of the MacKenzie Art Gallery, commissioned with the financial support of the Canada Council for the Arts Acquisition Assistance Program and the Province of Saskatchewan through the Community Initiatives Fund/Community Centennial Grant Program. Photo: Don Hall.
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We offer interactive and hands-on experiences for visitors to build on their creativity and their understanding of the world through art.

ArtCADE

The MacKenzie Art Gallery is now offering an exciting new line of workshops featuring digital technology, connecting audiences with artists working directly in the medium. Our talented digital artists will present an overview and demonstration of their work on a live video call. Participants will have an opportunity to see a digital work of art produced right before their eyes, and be able to engage directly with the artist throughout the presentation, including dedicated time for questions and discussion.

REGISTRATION & INQUIRIES
Contact Ken Duczek, Coordinator of Learning Initiatives
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ART ENGAGEMENT

Join a Gallery Facilitator for drop-in tours and conversations about our current exhibitions
Every Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 PM.

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Enjoy an interactive and dynamic program of performances, conversations, screenings, workshops, and happenings, both online and in-person.
Most Thursdays at 7 PM

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Studio Sundays, presented by Canada Life, are an opportunity for families to connect with artists and artworks in the MacKenzie’s permanent collection and feature exhibitions, with weekly hands-on workshops that are suitable for all ages. On the first and third Sunday of each month, enjoy the activities in the Gallery with programming led by a trained Gallery Facilitator.

For more information, visit mackenzie.art/studio-sundays.

IN-PERSON SCHOOL TOURS
The MacKenzie is once again welcoming students and educators into the gallery for interactive, hands-on tours of our feature exhibition The Permanent Collection: Community Watch. Our 90 minute gallery tours include curriculum-based activities and discussions, as well as a related studio activity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO BOOK A VIRTUAL OR IN-PERSON TOUR PLEASE CONTACT:
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email: nlittle@mackenzie.art  tel: 306-584-4250 ext. 4292

VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOURS
The MacKenzie Art Gallery and Remai Modern have teamed up to offer guided, interactive virtual lessons for classrooms. The online tour, which draws on the public collections of both institutions, will highlight Indigenous artists from the region and beyond.

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