

Kelowna Art Gallery gets vault upgrade

October 31, 2017 – Kelowna, BC: Thanks to financial support from the Government of Canada, the Kelowna Art Gallery's permanent art collection will have a little bit more space to grow. The grant provides funds for a significant upgrade to the storage vault that houses over 800 of the works of art that are in the collection.

"The permanent collection is one of the cornerstones of the institution and all of the works of art are held in trust by the City of Kelowna for its citizens," says Executive Director Nataley Nagy. "This reconfiguration allows us to make better use of the space and also offers us the opportunity to look toward the future expansion of the collection."

The storage vault is both climate and environmentally-controlled, which allows for the careful preservation and conservation of the works inside. At the time of this release, the collection contains 881 pieces by 166 different artists. The majority of pieces in the collection are by contemporary Canadian artists, with a small number of historical Canadian pieces.

"Our Government understands the value of preserving our heritage collections. This contribution to the Kelowna Art Gallery through the Canadian Heritage Museums Assistance Program will improve the preservation and additional security of a collection of over 800 valuable pieces of Canadian history and art," says Stephen Fuhr, MP for Kelowna – Lake Country.

Members of the public can now view and explore the works in the permanent collection online at www.kelownaartgallery.com, after its launch this past January.

The Kelowna Art Gallery is celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2017. They are located at 1315 Water Street in downtown Kelowna. For more information about current exhibitions, public programming, or special events, visit them online at www.kelownaartgallery.com or call 250-762-2226.

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