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MEDIA RELEASE

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Who: Vernon Public Art Gallery

What: Exhibition Opening Reception

When: Thursday, May 23, 2019 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: Vernon Public Art Gallery

Gallery Features Four New Exhibitions

The Board of Directors and Executive Director, Dauna Kennedy, invite you and a guest to the opening reception of *Emergence* by the UBCO BFA Graduates, *Before the Sun Goes Down* by Todd Schulz, *I Learned I Wasn't Seeing Clearly* by Gary Dewhurst, and *Through Our Eyes...* by Teen Junction at the Vernon Public Art Gallery, on the evening of May 23rd, 2019.

“Join us as we highlight a select group of artists from the 2019 graduating class of UBCO’s BFA program. It is always exciting to see the diverse mix of mediums and creativity that come from these emerging artists each year.” -Dauna Kennedy, VPAG Executive Director

UBCO BFA Graduates exhibition *Emergence*, featured in the Topham Brown Memorial Gallery from May 23 – July 13, features works of eight artists who have completed their studies at UBC Okanagan’s BFA program in 2019. This exhibition exemplifies various approaches to research and studio practice and asserts an active hands-on attitude while creating their work. This exhibition also includes video and photography asserting the presence of digital technologies that are used in the contemporary means of artistic production.

Todd Schulz’s exhibition *Before the Sun Goes Down*, featured in the Caroline Galbraith Gallery from May 23 – July 13, features paintings executed in hard edge geometric abstraction. Schulz’s art practice is aligned with the movements known as Post-Painterly Abstraction and Non-Objective painting which emphasize visual structures devoid of signs of brush marks and a narrative. “Before the Sun Goes Down” alludes to the period at which the sun crosses the horizon. Often regarded as a magical time of day, it’s when colour and light appear to be most luminous and vibrant.

Gary Dewhurst’s exhibition *I Learned I Wasn't Seeing Clearly*, featured in the Up Front Gallery from May 23 – July 13, features a suite of black and white photographs which address the topics of phenomenology of light and human perception of space.

I Learned I Wasn't Seeing Clearly is proudly sponsored by Vernon Roofing Inc.





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Teen Junction's exhibition *Through Our Eyes...*, featured in our Community Gallery from May 23 – June 20, is a unique community based project by the youth at the Teen Junction Youth Centre in partnership with the Vernon Public Art Gallery. The Vernon Public Art Gallery strives to connect the art and the community and supports emerging artists working outside of mainstream of artistic production. The focus of the exhibition is to give voice to youth and make statements about their lives and experiences in Vernon. We all have a unique voice and presence in our community and *Through Our Eyes...* is an affirmation of the importance of recognition, representation, collaboration and the arts.

Through Our Eyes.... is proudly sponsored by O'Callaghan Bilodeau Chartered Accountants



The opening reception takes place from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Vernon Public Art Gallery located at 3228 31st Ave Vernon BC. Open to the public, admission is by donation.

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