

Daphne Odjig 100: Curator Talk and Documentary Screening

October 7, 2019 – Kelowna, BC: The Kelowna Art Gallery will be hosting a special talk and documentary screening on Thursday, October 10, from 6 to 8 pm.

The public is invited to join Gallery Curator Stacey Koosel as she speaks about the recently opened *Daphne Odjig 100* exhibition. The talk will be followed by a screening of the documentary *The Life and Works of Daphne Odjig* (2008). This event is free and open to the public to attend.

Attendees will learn more about Daphne Odjig, about her artistic journey, and hear from Koosel about how the exhibition *Daphne Odjig 100* came together. Afterwards, a screening of the 47-minute documentary *The Life and Works of Daphne Odjig* by First Voice Media will be shown. The documentary tells the story of Daphne Odjig's life and artistic practice in her own words, with supporting narratives by her colleagues, friends, and family.

Daphne Odjig 100 is a capsule retrospective of the late artist that opened the week of what would have been her 100th birthday. Odjig is one of Canada's most celebrated Indigenous painters and printmakers and has often been referred to as "the grandmother of Canadian Indigenous Art". Her influence altered the course of art history in Canada and has helped to pave the way for new generations of Indigenous artists.

Daphne Odjig (1919 - 2016) established the first Indigenous-run fine art print house in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1971. Odjig was also a founding member of the Indian Group of Seven. This artistic group's purpose was to promote Contemporary Indigenous art and artists. She has been the recipient of many awards, honours, and recognitions for her works, including: The Order of Canada, the Governor General's Award, and eight Honorary Doctorates. Her works have been shown in the National Gallery of Canada, The McMichael Canadian Art Collection, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Stacey Koosel is Curator at the Kelowna Art Gallery. Before moving to Kelowna, she worked as a freelance art curator, art critic, publications editor, and university lecturer. In 2015, Koosel obtained her PhD in Art and Design from the Estonian Academy of Arts.

The Kelowna Art Gallery is located at 1315 Water Street in downtown Kelowna. For more information about current exhibitions, public programming or special events, please visit the Kelowna Art Gallery online at www.kelownaartgallery.com or call 250-762-2226.

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