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Reflection from the Film Lip Service
Ann Marie Fleming

ANN MARIE FLEMING: LIP SERVICE
5 February 2005 - 9 March 2005
Opening: February 4 from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Richmond Art Gallery presents **Lip Service** a new installation by renowned filmmaker Ann Marie Fleming. *Lip Service - a mystery* is a film combining live action and animation. The story is about a lipless woman working as a private detective searching for a missing woman. Drawing parallels between her own life and that of the missing woman's, the detective reflects on her own solitary existence. Each frame of the film is hand treated, as Fleming has layered the piece with vibrant lines and colour that give it an ethereal quality. The film explores themes of identity, community and the ever- changing and entrenched roles of women.

Making the comparison between filmmaking and weaving, Fleming says " you can't speak of storytelling in any genre without using the language of weaving." Expanding on this analogy she commissioned several women in Ontario to produce a series hooked rugs. The women were presented with the same set of still images from the film and they selected one frame to duplicate by hooking it as a rug. The final products are diverse, like their makers. In one case two women selected the same image and the difference is remarkable. The rugs will be hung in the gallery and the film will be projected repeatedly on the gallery window facing the street.

Ann Marie Fleming is a Vancouver writer, producer, director and animator. Her films have been shown in film festivals around the world including the Berlinale, Sydney, Toronto, Hong Kong and Mostra festival in Brazil. Her short film, *Blue Skies (Heart)* was the winner at the Toronto International Film Festival in 2002. *Lip Service* was screened at several film festivals including the Women Make Waves festival in Taiwan and the Toronto International Film Festival. Fleming holds a diploma specializing in film animation from the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, a B.F.A. from Open University in British

Columbia, and an M.F.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies from Simon Fraser University. The recipient of numerous grants and awards, she has been making films since 1987.

The exhibition continues until March 9, 2005. The **opening reception** will be on Friday evening February 4, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.

The Richmond Art Gallery is located at 180-7700 Minoru Gate. Gallery hours are 9:00 am to 6:00 pm from Monday until Friday and 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information visit our website at www.richmondartgallery.org or contact us by email at gallery@city.richmond.bc.ca.

Programming Note; In conjunction with the exhibition, **Lip Service an Artist Talk with Director, Ann Marie Fleming** and film screening of Lip Service will take place in the Gallery on **Tuesday, February 8, at 7:30pm**. Call RAG Cultural Programmer, Nan Capogna at 604.231.6425 for details.

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