

Interweavings

November 16, 2014 - January 11, 2015

Opening Reception: Saturday, November 15, 1:00 - 4:00pm

The Richmond Art Gallery in partnership with YVR Art Foundation is pleased to present *Interweavings*, an exhibition featuring the artwork of seven emerging BC First Nations artists and their mentors. The exhibition highlights the significance of mentoring relationships in First Nations culture, while foregrounding a growing and strengthening generation of emerging First Nations artists whose works are continuing and challenging traditions. In addition to the knowledge and skills the younger artists gain from their mentors and communities, they are also influenced by other modes of education, decolonization and globalization. Curator, Nan Capogna says, "The senior artists' commitment to mentoring a younger generation of artists is humbling and inspiring and the works of the younger artists are of extraordinary quality".



The YVR Art Foundation is a nonprofit organization that supports BC First Nations art and artists through scholarships, awards and exhibitions. The artists Morgan Green, James Harry, Cody Lecoy, Latham Mack, Ariane Medley, Tamara Skubovius, and Marika Swan were selected from past recipients of the YVR Art Foundation Youth Scholarship. *Interweavings* also includes artwork by their mentors: Rick Adkins, Dempsey Bob, Joe David, Isabel Rorick, Grace Williams, Xwalactun (Rick Harry), and Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun.

Organized by Richmond Art Gallery curator Nan Capogna and guest curator Connie Watts, the exhibition includes photography, weaving, painting, jewellery and carving. Works range from the politically charged painting of Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun to the exquisitely carved masks of Latham Mack and the compelling photographic images of Tamara Skubovius. A publication for the exhibition is being produced.

"We are pleased to partner with the Richmond Art Gallery to present *Interweavings*," said Susan Jackson, Executive Director, YVR Art Foundation. "This exhibition provides a unique opportunity for past YVR Art Foundation scholarship recipients to showcase their stories and accomplishments as BC First Nations artists."

The Opening Reception is Saturday, November 15, 1:00-4:00pm and members of the public are invited to attend. The artists and curators will provide an introduction to the exhibition at 1:30pm. Admission to the opening reception is free and light refreshments will be served.

In conjunction with the exhibition the gallery is offering a range of public programs including a bus tour to visit the YVR Art Collection, a carving demonstration by Master Carver, Xwalactun (Rick Harry) and panel discussion, Challenging Traditions in Contemporary First Nations Art. Please visit the website www.richmondartgallery.org for details.

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