



**MACKENZIE  
ART GALLERY**

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## MEDIA INVITE

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### WIN AN ORIGINAL WORK OF ART AT THE MACKENZIE!

Only one week remains to enter the Bet Your Lucky Stars Contest at the MacKenzie Art Gallery for a chance to win an original work of art by John Noestheden.

**Regina, SK** – Visit the MacKenzie Art Gallery by Sunday, August 19, 2012 to enter the *Bet Your Lucky Stars Contest* and you could win an original work of art by Canadian artist John Noestheden!

The *Bet Your Lucky Stars Contest* celebrates the final week of two of the MacKenzie's most popular summer exhibitions, *John Noestheden: Sky* and *Shuvinai Ashoona: Earth*. Over the past three months, visitors to the MacKenzie have been entranced with the works of these two internationally acclaimed contemporary artists. John Noestheden is widely admired for his crystalline visions of the cosmos, a number of his works currently on display incorporate the use of glimmering Swarovski Crystals. Shuvinai Ashoona, a much sought-after Inuit artist, works primarily in pen, ink and coloured pencils, creating intimate, funny and wildly imaginative images inspired by her Cape Dorset home.

The *Bet Your Lucky Stars Contest* closes at 5:30 pm on Sunday, August 19, 2012. During this final week of the contest visitors to the MacKenzie can enter by guessing the number of stars (Swarovski Crystals) in Noestheden's spectacular piece, *Milky Way Mirrors 24 x 36*. After entering the contest onsite, visitors can increase their odds of winning with two additional opportunities to guess the correct number of stars via Facebook and Twitter.

The contest is open to all Canadian residents, 18 years of age and older. The entry closest to the number of stars as previously determined by the MacKenzie Art Gallery, will be declared the winner on August 20, 2012. This lucky individual will be the proud new owner of *Single Fuzzy Blob*, an original work by John Noestheden complete with sparkling Swarovski Crystals on a deep blue background, generously donated by the artist.

Full contest rules and regulations can be found online at [www.mackenzieartgallery.ca](http://www.mackenzieartgallery.ca).

#### Media Preview

**What:** View John Noestheden's spectacular large-scale work, *Milky Way Mirrors 24 x 36*, currently on display in the exhibition, *John Noestheden: Sky*. You'll also get a sneak peak at the amazing prize up for grabs, *Single Fuzzy Blob*.

**When:** Tuesday, August 14, 2012  
1 pm - 4:30 pm

**Where:** MacKenzie Art Gallery  
3475 Albert Street  
Regina, SK

#### About John Noestheden

John Noestheden was born in Amsterdam in 1945 and moved to Canada in 1951. Having recently moved to Hamilton, Ontario, Noestheden was previously based in Saskatchewan where he taught drawing and sculpture at the University

of Regina. For the past 20 years, Noestheden has been producing a body of large-scale works on paper. The history of astronomical observation has inspired a large portion of his work, from the flaming tails of Halley's Comet to the latest galactic images from the Hubble Telescope.

### **About the MacKenzie Art Gallery**

The MacKenzie Art Gallery is Saskatchewan's largest public art gallery, offering original exhibitions of contemporary and historical art from Saskatchewan, Canada and around the world. Through the years the MacKenzie has developed a national reputation and has won numerous awards for its leading-edge contemporary exhibitions and its innovative educational and provincial outreach programs. An interactive and creative space, we provide educational programs, unique community events and free public tours for people of all ages. The MacKenzie's vault contains more than 4,000 pieces of art from our treasured permanent collection.

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