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SASKATCHEWAN TO SEND VISUAL ARTS PROFESSIONAL TO NEW YORK FOR INTERNATIONAL RESIDENCY

Pilot Project officially launched by Creative Saskatchewan in partnership with the MacKenzie Art Gallery

Regina, SK - Creative Saskatchewan and the MacKenzie Art Gallery are pleased to announce an exciting new initiative to support the professional development of Saskatchewan cultural producers working in the visual arts. This pilot project will sponsor one Saskatchewan artist or independent curator to participate in a fully funded three-month residency at the International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP) in Brooklyn, New York, in the spring of 2015.

The International Studio & Curatorial Program (ISCP) is located in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn, in the former factory of the Sackett & Wilhelms Lithography Company, an 18,000 square foot building constructed in 1901. The building has 35 studios for artists and curators, an exhibition gallery, and a project space. ISCP's mission is to introduce New York audiences to exceptional international artistic practices, as well as to engage communities in Brooklyn and Greater New York City through public programs. Each year more than 100 artists and curators are in residence at ISCP. Saskatchewan's successful applicant will take part in the programming and professional development offered by ISCP while enjoying 24-hour access to all facilities. Programs include significant opportunities to engage with other international artists, curators, visiting critics, and art dealers while experiencing the cultural amenities available in New York City.

"As Saskatchewan's largest and oldest public art gallery, we are thrilled to be part of this new opportunity that will further the artistic practice of a Saskatchewan artist or curator in an international context," said Anthony Kiendl, Executive Director & CEO of the MacKenzie Art Gallery. "ISCP is an unparalleled international platform to produce, present, and contextualize Saskatchewan art. We look forward to administering the program on behalf of our partners at Creative Saskatchewan."

"We are excited to be part of this amazing partnership," said JP Ellson, CEO of Creative Saskatchewan. "This program provides an excellent opportunity to grow the market for, and awareness of, Saskatchewan art in a global context."

Founded in 1994, ISCP has hosted over 1,900 artists and curators from more than 62 countries. Creative Saskatchewan and the MacKenzie will join other international galleries and cultural centers who have sponsored artists to attend the ISCP as well as Canadian funding bodies including the Manitoba Arts Council, Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec, Ontario Arts Council, and the Canada Council for the Arts.

This spring the MacKenzie Art Gallery, in partnership with the MacKenzie Gallery Volunteers, will embark on a four-day trip to New York City, hosted by Anthony Kiendl, Executive Director & CEO of the MacKenzie. Open to Members of the Gallery, participants will visit the successful candidate's studio at ISCP in addition to New York City's landmark art museums and attractions including the Frieze Art Fair, Solomon R. Guggenheim, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Modern Art.

Further information, including eligibility criteria and applications, are posted on the MacKenzie Art Gallery website at, www.mackenzieartgallery.ca. The application deadline for interested participants is January 12, 2015, 8:30 am. The successful candidate will be notified by January 23, 2015.

About the MacKenzie Art Gallery

The MacKenzie Art Gallery is Saskatchewan's oldest and largest public art gallery, offering a wide range of contemporary and historical art programs. The MacKenzie Art Gallery Vault is home to more than 4,500 works in the Permanent Collection by internationally renowned artists such as Picasso, Rodin, and Edvard Much, as well as an impressive Canadian collection with pieces by Greg Curnoe, Joyce Wieland, Dorothy Knowles, the Regina Five, Joe Fafard, Bob Boyer, and many others. The MacKenzie features world-class exhibitions and public programs, research, publications, and more. For more information, please visit mackenzieartgallery.ca.

About Creative Saskatchewan

Creative Saskatchewan was established as a crown agency of the Government of Saskatchewan in July of 2013. The agency was created in recognition of the integral role creative industries play in a vibrant Saskatchewan. The agency's mandate is to positively affect the gross domestic product of the Province of Saskatchewan. Creative Saskatchewan is a marketing agency, that clear direction guides the programs offered and the national and international marketing activities produced. For more information about Creative Saskatchewan, please visit www.creativesask.ca

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MacKenzie Art Gallery Hours and Admission

Monday to Saturday: 10 am - 5:30 pm
Sunday and Holidays: 12 - 5:30 pm

FREE ADMISSION
Suggested Donation: \$5
