

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
July 20, 2015



David Thauberger: Road Trips & Other Diversions - Extended until August 30

David Thauberger's Work is Firmly Rooted in the Local

Regina, SK - Though David Thauberger is an internationally recognized artist best known for his iconic paintings of prairie landmarks, his world view is firmly rooted in the idea that the local is every bit as important as the global.

"I've always functioned as something of an advocate of the local. The thing they teach you in art school is to paint what you know. I took that more or less literally and felt that I should make some paintings of what I knew: my own environment, my own community, the town I grew up in." (David Thauberger, Canadian Art, Spring 2014)

Road Trips & Other Diversions, now on view at the MacKenzie Art Gallery until August 30, provides the first comprehensive overview of this remarkable prairie artist - including paintings, prints and ceramics produced from 1971 to 2009. In addition to his own work, *Road Trips* offers a glimpse of Thauberger's personal collecting habits, with key pieces from his collection by such art world luminaries as Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, and David Hockney - highlighting Thauberger's process of constantly looking for visual inspiration as well as his encyclopedic knowledge of 20th-century art.

"One of the ways to make work that doesn't look like what everybody else is doing is to do exactly what everybody says you shouldn't do, give it a try, and see where that takes you..." (David Thauberger, interview with MacKenzie Head Curator, Timothy Long, 2013)

The exhibition looks at key themes and processes developed over Thauberger's 40-plus year career. With a keen eye for Prairie-specific features, Thauberger understands that representing the region requires both an insider's and an outsider's point of view - and a vision that continually moves between the two.

"I think my experience with folk art was crucial. It was folk artists in Saskatchewan who showed me the way out of the whole art school/art magazine syndrome into making some of my own work. It was a sort of signal to me of how you could be unique and independent." (David Thauberger, Canadian Art, Fall 1985)

An extensive website for this exhibition can be found at www.thauberger-roadtrips.ca

Presented by



Canada

David Thauberger: Road Trips and Other Diversions is organized and circulated by the Mendel Art Gallery and the MacKenzie Art Gallery and presented in Regina by Information Services Corporation. This project has been made possible in part through a contribution from the Museums Assistance Program, Department of Canadian Heritage.

About the MacKenzie Art Gallery

The MacKenzie Art Gallery is Saskatchewan's largest public art gallery spanning over 100,000 square feet of space on three levels including an exhibition floor with eight environmentally controlled galleries. The MacKenzie offers original exhibitions of contemporary and historical art from Saskatchewan, Canada and around the world. An interactive and creative space, the Gallery provides educational programs, unique community events and free public tours for people of all ages. The MacKenzie also has state-of-the-art professional facilities including an art conservation lab and vault, home to more than 4,500 works of art in the treasured Permanent Collection. For more information, please visit mackenzieartgallery.ca.

Twitter: @atTheMAG **Twitter Hashtag:** #roadtripsandotherdiversions **Facebook:** facebook.com/MacKenzieArtGallery

- 30 -

Media Contact

Cydney Toth, Marketing & Media Relations Assistant
3475 Albert Street, Regina, SK
(306) 584 4250 ext. 4272 / (306) 209 6958
cydney.toth@mackenzieartgallery.ca

Wanda Schmockel, Communications Coordinator
3475 Albert Street, Regina, SK
T (306) 584 4250 ext. 4266
wanda.schmockel@mackenzieartgallery.ca

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

Public Tours
Saturdays at 2 PM

Family Studio Sundays - Tours & Activities
Sundays from 2 - 4 PM

