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MacKenzie Art Gallery Appoints New Assistant Curator

Regina- The MacKenzie Art Gallery is pleased to announce the appointment of Michelle LaVallee as the new Assistant Curator, effective September 4, 2007.

Michelle LaVallee is a practicing interdisciplinary artist and a community arts-based educator and curator. Born in Newmarket Ontario, LaVallee is of Ojibway ancestry, and a member of the Chippewas of Nawash Band, Cape Croker, Ontario. A recent recipient of the Canada Council for the Arts Assistance to Aboriginal Curators Grant for Residencies in the Visual Arts, she has spent the past year developing programming and conducting research at A Space Gallery in Toronto. Michelle has guest curated at the Canadian Clay and Glass Museum in Waterloo and for the Association for Native Development in the Visual and Performing Arts at venues such as Toronto City Hall and the Canadian Aboriginal Festival Pow Wow at Rogers Centre in Toronto. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a Bachelor of Education, both from York University.

"When I heard Michelle speak at the recent 'Coralling Art' symposium in Saskatoon, she immediately went to the top of my list of candidates for the Assistant Curator position. Her knowledge of contemporary art practices and her interest in community consultation and collaboration will be invaluable as we develop our future programs," said Timothy Long, Head Curator of the MacKenzie Art Gallery.

"We are so pleased to have Michelle join the MacKenzie Art Gallery. As an artist and curator with a particular interest in examining intergenerational issues, she brings a great range of experience to the table. Michelle also contributes a valued perspective that will help to inform strategies and goals related to our ongoing commitment to integrating Aboriginal contexts into our programs and exhibitions," said Kate Davis, Director of the MacKenzie Art Gallery.

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