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#YEGCanvas returns for a third art-venturous year

Edmonton – #YEG’s favourite interactive, transitory public art exhibition returns to the city’s streets and LRT tracks for a third inventive year. #YEGCanvas, featuring 45 new artworks by 43 Edmonton artists will brighten billboards and posters from November 2017 until April 2018. The initiative is presented through a partnership between the Edmonton Arts Council and Pattison Outdoor Advertising.

#YEGCanvas; a citywide billboard and LRT station-based art exhibition, features art spanning a diversity of genres and disciplines including digital media, ceramics, photography, watercolour, acrylic, drawing, and fibre art. Artworks were chosen from more than 500 submissions by 179 artists. Over the next six months, the artworks will be displayed on 10 billboards, located throughout the city, and on 15 LRT station posters along the Capital and Metro Lines. The art will be rotated every two months. Edmontonians are invited to explore the exhibition using the online tour map:

<http://arcg.is/2ivDeDb>.

Including this edition, 135 artworks by 107 Edmonton artists have been exhibited since 2015. The exhibition not only delights the eyes and senses, but also provides a valuable and relevant opportunity for artists to explore public art practice as well as exposing their work to a wider audience.

Edmonton mosaic artist Karen Klassen participated in the 2016-2017 exhibition. “Public art calls can be daunting,” says Klassen. “#YEGCanvas gives all artists an entry level experience and introduction into this process, and gives the inexperienced artists confidence and validation. It puts all artists, on any level, on an even playing field because anyone can apply. Participation had a huge effect on my career. It was not only fantastic exposure, it boosted my confidence level, and I am now collaborating on a percent for art project in an Edmonton park!” Klassen is working with Edmonton mosaicist Erin Pankratz to create a mosaic art wall for Dermott Park on the south side.

"I'm so pleased to be able to partner with the EAC once again for this important campaign," says Brian de Ruiter, Vice President Prairie Region, Pattison Outdoor Advertising. "Last year brought such an amazing array of artists to the forefront; I can't wait to see this year's artwork displayed on a large scale, and it's an honour to be able to support local artists and give them a public platform."

The interactive #YEGCanvas map will be updated to reflect new artworks and art locations every eight weeks. Information about the artists will be shared on the [YEGArts Blog](#) throughout the exhibition. The public is encouraged to share images of the artworks on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #YEGCanvas.

A celebration with the artists will take place on November 20, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Mile Zero Dance’s Spazio Performativo space (10816 95 Street). A new set of the limited edition #YEGCanvas trading cards will be available at the celebration and other EAC events.

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The Edmonton Arts Council is a non-profit society and charitable organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The EAC works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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#YEGCANVAS Artists & Artworks

Billboards (*artworks marked with * are in the first iteration of 10 billboards*)

Kasie Campbell	Bonne Femme
	The Visit
Stacey Cann	Tally
Mitchell Chalifoux	Outfitter
Alyson Davies	Spring Harvest
Daniel Evans	Growth/Decay
Brad Fehr	Thrown into Audience with Thunder
Paul Freeman	Double Yolk
Natalie Jachyra	presence
Serena Kaba	Shopping Cart 1*
Alex Lam	A Touch of Sienna *
Marilyn Langevin	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women*
Tianna LeBlanc	The UFOs Are Coming!
Juan Lopezdabdoub	Lounging on the Grass After Manet
Oksana Maszczak	Transitory*
Keely O'Dell	kakike amiskwacyi- waskahikan: forever and always beaver hills house*
Joy Olagoke	Nest
Dean Olesky	A Neighborhood 1
Nathan Panousis	The Webs We Weave
Chad Raymond	Cusp
Elsa Robinson	Breaking Out
Jared Robinson	Chromeleon*
Rick Rogers	Interdependence
David Scott	Keep Out*
Stephanie Simpson	Mini Mountain
Kelsey Stephenson	Teal
Vivian Trinh	Family Portrait
Allison Tunis	Pretty Please*
Kapil Vachhar	Into the Meadows*
Meghan Wise	Plight of Platalea*

LRT Posters (*artworks will appear in different locations throughout the entire exhibition*)

Jordan Blackburn	It's Mine
Noemi de Bruijn	Rooted Man
Catherine Dubois	Manmer Crossing the Alps
Gerri Harden	Up and Away
Kaylyn Hardstaff	Joy
Andrew Kozak	Icarus
Angela Marino	Humans as Beast
Emma Resener	Sighting
Dryden Roesch	Staircases & Ladders
Miriam Rudolph	Collective Effort
Vanessa Ryl	Seeds in the Springtime
Rudy Smith	You Are Here
Serena Tang	Sweet Meat
Zohreh Valiary Eskandary	loneliness
Meghan Wise	Raising the Spector of Alarm