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New! Online Gallery: City of Edmonton Public Art Collection

Edmonton... Edmonton Arts Council is pleased to announce the launch of an online gallery of the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection.

"In today's world there is an expectation that the city's public art be accessible in this format, allowing people to experience the collection in its entirety without having to physically visit each piece," said John Mahon, Executive Director of the Edmonton Arts Council.

The gallery also serves as an archival record of public art in the city. It is intended to be interactive, user-friendly and appropriate for a diverse audience, from primary school students to practitioners in the arts.

"I think it's a great site and very useable for art teachers and students," said Mary Ann Dobson, arts consultant for the Edmonton Public School Board, who reviewed the site prior to its official launch.

The gallery is a work in progress. It currently contains approximately 55 pieces, the majority of them newer additions to city's landscape. Artworks will continue to be added to the database in an ongoing project to represent the full collection.

There are over 200 pieces currently in the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection, with new pieces being added annually as a result of the Percent for Art Policy.

The online gallery can be visited at www.edmontonpublicart.ca

About the Edmonton Arts Council

The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-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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