

## Media Release

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# New Public Artwork adds stature to City collection

*Talus Dome will take shape over the next two weeks*

Edmonton...The Edmonton Arts Council is pleased to announce that the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection is growing in stature with the installation of a new 30-foot high sculpture, *Talus Dome*, by artists Benjamin Ball and Gaston Nogues, of Ball-Nogues Studio out of Los Angeles, California. The installation will take approximately two weeks.

*Talus Dome* was funded through the City's Percent for Art policy related to the Quesnell Bridge expansion. The policy requires the City to allocate one per cent of the eligible construction budget of any project that will be accessible by the public to the development of art that enriches the city and is accessible to everyone.

"This is another great addition to the City of Edmonton Public Art Collection," says John Mahon, Executive Director of the Edmonton Arts Council. "It's always rewarding to see a new public artwork take shape."

"Ball Nogues Studio is a contemporary art collective practicing internationally," says Kristy Triner, Public Art Director with the Edmonton Arts Council. "*Talus Dome*, created for our city, about our city, is one of their largest permanent pieces to date."

*Talus Dome*, which consists of stainless steel balls falling in the shape of natural, gravity-accumulated 'spill', suggests features in the Alberta and river valley landscape: hills, snow drifts, and sloping masses of rockslide that form at the base of river bluffs. It is the largest single artwork in the collection to date.

The artwork was created by first constructing a wooden framework in the shape of a talus hill. The frame was turned upside down and the stainless steel spheres were allowed to fall naturally into the upturned form, and then welded together. It was then separated and shipped to Edmonton to be reassembled.

*Talus Dome* is a complex feat of engineering that demonstrates Edmonton's ability to attract the interest of award-winning artists from around the world. *Talus Dome* is being featured in a documentary about the making of public art. The documentary team is following the development of the artwork from start to finish, and will be filming the installation of the artwork in Edmonton.

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### **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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