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The Government of Canada Supports the Robert McLaughlin Gallery

OSHAWA, February 18, 2009 – On behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament (Oshawa), today announced funding for an exhibition that is appearing at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery until March 22.

The exhibition, entitled “Diane Landry: The Defibrillators,” features works produced by Diane Landry, a leading figure in Quebec contemporary art, over her 20-year career. Gallery patrons will also have the opportunity to attend a guest lecture by the artist.

“This support for the Robert McLaughlin Gallery is a great example of our Government's commitment to helping organizations that contribute to the cultural vitality and quality of life of their community,” said Minister Moore. “By investing in such cultural institutions as the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, the Government of Canada enriches our cultural heritage and provides Canadians with access to works by artists from across the country.”

“I'm proud of this unique exhibition, which provides people with an opportunity to learn about our shared cultural identity,” said Mr. Carrie. “This funding will help Oshawa residents and our visitors to appreciate the works of this renowned artist.”

“Department of Canadian Heritage support through the Museums Assistance Program is truly crucial for public art galleries and museums such as the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, especially for the part of our mandate dealing with the story of Canadian art and culture in both the remote and immediate past,” said David Aurandt, Executive Director of the Robert McLaughlin Gallery. “For our museum, this support is essential as we research and tell our particular stories about the traditions of Canadian modernism and how they develop the shape of visual art in Canada today. Through Canadian Heritage assistance, we are able to present and share with the rest of the country unique discoveries and knowledge about Canada's art. For a country as young as ours, this is a significant and vital endeavour.”

The Government of Canada has provided funding of \$11,700 to support the transportation of the exhibition through the Department of Canadian Heritage's Museums Assistance Program. This program provides funding to Canadian museums and related institutions for projects that foster excellence in museum activities and that facilitate access to the treasures of our collective heritage.



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