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Water colour art exhibition at the Market Gallery

City of Toronto Culture, through its Market Gallery program, presents the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour 82nd annual Open Juried Art Competition called “Open Water.” Contemporary water colours from artists across Canada will be on display from October 20 to November 25.

Selected from more than 300 entries, 54 works will showcase the talents of new and established artists working in this medium. Established in 1925, the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour has worked to promote knowledge of, and experimentation in, water colour and has drawn public attention to this vibrant medium by staging annual open exhibitions. The original inspiration for the Society lay with 11 artists, including well-known members of the Group of Seven, A.J. Casson and Franklin Carmichael.

The first of many exhibitions was held in April 1926 at the Art Gallery of Ontario and continued on a yearly basis for many years. The Society has also been involved in many national and international exhibitions. This represents the third time the annual juried exhibit has been held at the Market Gallery.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception on Saturday, October 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. The awards presentation will take place at 1:30 p.m.

The Market Gallery is a program of the City of Toronto’s Culture Division and presents changing exhibitions dedicated to Toronto’s art, culture and heritage. Located in Toronto’s oldest neighbourhood, the main gallery occupies the 19th century City Council Chamber, which is all that remains from the City Hall that stood on this site from 1845–1899. The gallery offers educational programs for school groups and adults. It is located on the second floor of the South St. Lawrence Market, 95 Front St. E. Gallery hours are: Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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