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Salt Spring National Art Prize Announces 2017 Finalists 50 Works Selected

Submissions up over fifty per cent over inaugural Prize in 2015...

Salt Spring Island, BC – July 19, 2017 – Fifty artists from across Canada have been selected as finalists for the **Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP)**, one of Canada’s largest national visual arts competitions. Finalists are eligible to win one of eight awards totalling \$30,000 and take home the prestigious Salt Spring Prize (Joan McConnell Award) of \$17,000 as chosen by an independent jury. Artists nineteen years and older from across Canada were invited to submit two-dimensional and three-dimensional works in any medium showing visual impact and depth of meaning. All artist submissions were anonymous to the jury.

SSNAP, a biennial competition established in 2015, is fast becoming a beacon for dialogue for the visual arts. Founding director Ronald T. Crawford says the Art Prize has taken root and is growing faster than expected, “We’re excited by the calibre of works submitted. The entries were up 50 per cent over our inaugural year, and we believe the 2017 Exhibition will showcase the best of Canadian visual art.” Crawford adds, “We congratulate each finalist for the quality, diversity and originality of their submissions, and for enhancing the conversation about the visual arts from coast to coast.”

The jury is comprised of: **David Garneau**, associate professor of visual arts at the University of Regina; **Denis Longchamps**, artistic director and chief curator of the Art Gallery of Burlington; and **Naomi Potter**, the director/ curator of the Esker Foundation of Calgary.

Here is the list of finalists as chosen by the prestigious jury:

Eastern Canada	Western Canada	Western Canada
Quebec	Manitoba	British Columbia
Carole Pilon, Longueuil, PQ	Patrick Treacy, Winnipeg, MB	Gillian Richards, Vancouver, BC
Jamie Bradbury, Montreal, PQ	Teresa Burrows, Thompson, MB	Alison Shields, Vancouver, BC
Eric Nado, Montreal, PQ	Saskatchewan	Brad Turner, Vancouver, BC
Corri-Lynn Tetz, Montreal, PQ	Nicole Paul, Prince Albert, SK	Mena Martini, West Vancouver, BC
Catherine De Abreu, Laval, PQ	Alberta	Mia Daniels, Whistler, BC
Central Canada	Judy Anderson, Calgary, AB	Fae Logie, Bowen Island, BC

Ontario	Tia Halliday, Calgary, AB	Joanna Rogers, Pender Island, BC
Catherine Beaudette, Toronto, ON	Alexis Kondra, Calgary, AB	Janet Dwyer, Salt Spring Island, BC
David Brandy, Toronto, ON	British Columbia	Sibéal Foyle, Salt Spring Island, BC
Susan Collett, Toronto, ON	Lou Lynn, Winlaw, BC	John David James, Salt Spring Island, BC
Meghan Price, Toronto, ON	John Hall, West Kelowna, BC	Garry Kaye, Salt Spring Island, BC
Sean Ross, Toronto, ON	Jan Little, Kaleden, BC	Eric Klemm, Salt Spring Island, BC
Karen Andrews, Etobicoke, ON	Katherine MacNeill, Oliver, BC	Peter McFarlane, Salt Spring Island, BC
Noelle Hamlyn, Mississauga, ON	Tianna Barton, Vancouver, BC	Samantha Dickie, Victoria, BC
Cheryl Wilson-Smith, Red Lake, ON	Nancy Boyd, Vancouver, BC	Dave Parsanishi, Port Alberni, BC
Western Canada Manitoba	Eszter Burghardt, Vancouver, BC	Deborah Wachter, Campbell River, BC
Helga Jakobson, Winnipeg, MB	Brandon Cotter, Vancouver, BC	Yukon
Kae Sasaki, Winnipeg, MB	Brigitta Kocsis, Vancouver, BC	Josée Carbonneau, Whitehorse
Diana Thorneycroft, Winnipeg, MB	Kevin Lanthier, Vancouver, BC	USA, NY Kristy Gordon, Brooklyn

The winners will be announced at a Gala Awards night on October 21, 2017. The Finalists' Exhibition opens to the public from September 22 to October 22, 2017.

Eight awards are available as follows:

- **Salt Spring Prize – The Joan McConnell Award – \$17,000**
- **Jurors' Choice Awards – Stephen P Roberts – three awards totalling \$6,000**
- **People's Choice Awards – Rosemarie Behncke – three awards totalling \$6,000**
- **ASA Award – outstanding Salt Spring artist – \$1,000**

KEY DATES:

September 22, 2017: Gala Opening of Finalist Exhibition

September 22 – October 22, 2017: Exhibition opens daily

October 14, 2017: The Creative Mind: Creativity in the Arts and Sciences

October 21, 2017: Winners announced at Gala Awards Night

SSNAP 2017

The Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) is one of the largest visual arts competitions in the country. In this second year, SSNAP is offering \$30,000 in awards, as chosen by an independent jury from across Canada. This exciting endeavour is an initiative of the Salt Spring Arts Council SSAC, which represents the Arts for Salt Spring Island, one of Canada's premier arts communities.

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