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The Art Gallery of Burlington Celebrates 40 Years as a Vibrant Arts Community

Burlington, ON (June 1, 2018) – The AGB is excited to begin ruby anniversary celebrations with two significant events.

Friday, June 1 – Opening Receptions at the AGB

Join us from 6 to 9 pm to celebrate the opening of five new exhibitions:

Dialogue

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the AGB, 35th anniversary of the AGB's Permanent Collection, and the 60th anniversary of the Burlington Handweavers & Spinners Guild

AGB Ceramics Residency: Karla Rivera

The AGB is excited to present the second AGB Ceramics Residency exhibition featuring the work of 2017/18 resident Karla Rivera in the RBC Gallery.

The Koyanagi Family Donation

The AGB is proud to present The Koyanagi Family Donation in memory and honour of Burlingtonian James Koyanagi.

Pacific Overtures

Drawn from the Permanent Collection at the AGB, this exhibition looks at the effect that Japanese ceramics has had on Canadian ceramics.

My Eyes are on You

Joon Hee Kim uses Baroque-inspired decoration into her work, resulting in a contrasting presentation of the traditional and modern. Familiar shapes are altered with the incorporation of personal and cultural visual narratives on human relationships, emotions, and behaviours.

Sunday, June 3 – Community BBQ

The Burlington community is invited to commemorate our 40th anniversary with an afternoon of celebration. Whether you are a founding member of the gallery or a first time visitor, gather at the Art Gallery of Burlington to share memories with friends in celebration of our vibrant arts community. This exciting afternoon will include free art activities and demonstrations, a tasty barbecue lunch, and a used art book sale held in support of the AGB Permanent Collection. Doors open at 11 AM. All are welcome, and admission is free.

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For 40 years, the Art Gallery of Burlington has been welcoming and hosting creative thinkers and artists in the Burlington community. Founded in 1978, the AGB grew from the efforts of those in Burlington who recognized the need for a home for artists working in the region. Today, the AGB is a multi-faceted centre providing studio space, exhibitions, acclaimed ceramics collection, art education and a dynamic visitor's experience.

This milestone anniversary offers an opportunity to reflect on the journey of the AGB over the past four decades.

"The AGB is the place in Burlington where communities, creators, and cultures have met and shared their experiences of craft and art since 1978" said Robert Steven, President and CEO. "All of us at the AGB are sincerely grateful to everyone whose work and devotion over the years has built this wonderful organization".

Paul MacDiarmid, Chair of the Board of Directors shared: "we are very proud that the AGB, by uniquely combining outstanding exhibitions, a nationally significant ceramic collection, education programs, studio and community space, and opportunities for artists of all levels to work and grow together, has for 40 years helped build our community in Burlington and far beyond."

Tim Caddigan, Past Chair of the Board of Directors, added: "we are so proud of everyone who has made the Gallery such a success over 40 years. The AGB is one part gallery and one part community builder. We look forward to welcoming visitors from Burlington and beyond to what is really a jewel in our Region".

The opening of Dialogue commemorates the 40th anniversary of the AGB alongside the 60th anniversary of the Burlington Handweavers & Spinners Guild. "With Dialogue, we wanted to tell some stories from the collection with that of the Burlington Handweavers and Spinners Guild woven in to commemorate our anniversaries" said Dr. Denis Longchamps, AGB Artistic Director & Chief Curator. "There is nothing better than sitting at a well-dressed table for a meal with family and friends to get the conversation going."

About the AGB: The Art Gallery of Burlington is a public art gallery and community art centre located in the heart of Burlington, Ontario. We present as many as 20 regional, national and international exhibitions a year, and are home to the world's largest collection of contemporary Canadian ceramics, as well as seven art and fine craft guilds. An interactive and creative space, we provide art and craft education programs and public tours for people of all ages. Spanning over 44,000 square feet, our space boasts seven fully equipped studios, three galleries, a one of a kind gift shop, a sculpture courtyard and year-round conservatory. For more information on the AGB visit AGB.life

The Art Gallery of Burlington is located at 1333 Lakeshore Rd, Burlington, ON L7S 1A9

Gallery Hours:

Monday -Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm