



**KITCHENER - WATERLOO
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KW|AG Fall Exhibits Go Beyond Your Expectations

Kitchener, Ontario September 2011 - The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is pleased to present two new exhibits this fall, *The Limits* and *We All Fall Down*. *The Limits* explores ideas about time and space, as seen through the eyes of seven leading Canadian and international contemporary artists including Kristan Horton, Spring Hurlbut, Lani Maestro, Jani Ruscica, Alyson Shotz, David Spriggs and Kerry Tribe. The exhibit includes drawing, sculpture, video and photography. Spring Hurlbut's photographic portraits of cremated human and animal remains for example, speak to our mortal limit and the cosmos. The illuminated sculptures of David Spriggs unsettle the mechanics of vision suggesting both the instantaneous and the static and a massive wall drawing, made of pins and thread by Alyson Shotz, presents a digital, hypothetical version of space.

This fall, and for the first time KW|AG is offering the public the chance to go behind-the-scenes during the installation of Alyson Shotz's work. Beginning Friday, September 9 through to Monday, September 12 the public can visit the Gallery during regular hours to watch this creation come to life.

KW|AG's corridor exhibit, *We All Fall Down* presents an inspirational portrait on life and pays tribute to the moments in life we often turn away from - aging and death. Photographs, paintings, drawings, and sculptures from KW|AG's permanent collection have been brought together to present images of destruction and decay and to examine how and why artists choose to depict these moments of frailty and deterioration. Some of the works in this exhibition conjure both vitality and decline simultaneously. For example, while viewing ruins one cannot help but imagine how the subject appeared in its prime. *We All Fall Down* asks us to consider our own mortality and reminds us that like the popular children's song, Ring Around the Rosie (from which the title of this exhibition is taken), things in life never stay the same.

An opening reception for both exhibits takes place at the Gallery on Friday, September 23 and is sponsored by BMO Financial Group. The evening begins with an Artist Talk presented by David Spriggs at 7:00 p.m, followed by opening remarks at 8:00 p.m.

Crystal Mowry, KW|AG's Curator of Exhibitions and Collections presents a Curator's Talk at KW|AG on Thursday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. All events are free and everyone is welcome.

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About the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) connects people and ideas through art. The Gallery emphasizes contemporary art, has a 4,000 work permanent collection and offers experiences for adults, children and families. Established in 1956 and operating within Centre In The Square, KW|AG is the oldest and largest public gallery in Waterloo region: roots in the community, eyes on the world.

Gallery Hours and Admission

M-W 9:30am-5pm., T 9:30am.-9pm, Fri 9:30am – 5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm. Open before select Centre in the Square Performance. Please view our website for current hours. www.kwag.ca

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