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Steph Caskenette, *As Corrosion Sets Into the Base of My Mind*, 2007, Eastwood Collegiate Institute, grade 12 in 2007/08, wood burning and watercolour.  
Photo: KJ Bedford.

"What an eye-opening, heart-warming exhibition!" - *Gallery visitor, Expression 33*

"As a former visual arts teacher for many years it is always a pleasure to appreciate *Expressions*. It is well displayed and the students have put their heart and soul into their work. The development of art is not only technique, but it's the thought that precedes the work." - *B. Lambert, Expressions 33*

## Expressions 34 and Re-mix Celebrates the Talents of Young Artists in Waterloo Region

*Kitchener, ON, Canada* – One of the largest KW|AG exhibitions showcasing over 200 student works, *Expressions* celebrates the talents of young artists from approximately 70 schools including the Public, Catholic, and Independent schools in Waterloo Region. This year's exhibition opens **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** with a public reception from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Opening remarks will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The vibrant range of art work for *Expressions 34* includes paintings, sketches, sculptures, photographs and multimedia works which are interspersed with professional artists' works from the Gallery's permanent collection to reflect common themes, interests and ideas. This year's themes are:

- *House + Home* – interpretations of community, family, a sense of belonging and physical spaces.
- *Flora + Fauna* – exploring animals, rural and urban environments, weather and our outdoor surroundings.
- *You + Me* – expressions of identity and relationships.
- *Bits + Bytes* – suggestions of exploration, experimentation, discovery, and innovation.

Gallery visitors are encouraged to make their own connections among the themes and ideas presented in the various art works. According to Tasha Ethelston, Director of Public Programs and Education, "The Gallery setting offers unique opportunities for students to connect to the world of art and ideas. We value our role as a community resource and as an advocate for the arts in education. Art is a medium for shared experience. Art opens minds and encourages observation, discussion, and reflection. We believe these qualities are the foundation for the kind of teaching, learning, and relationship-building essential to creating a strong and healthy community."

A related exhibition, *Re-mix*, features artwork by students who have participated in the Gallery's Tour and Studio workshops during the winter 2009 exhibition season. Responding to the various artists featured in *Anthem: Perspectives on Home and Native Land*, students explored cultural identity and the complexities inherent in defining a nation. They created personalized flags to express their individuality that, when viewed together, offer a broader definition of community.

*Expressions 34* and *Re-mix* are on view from March 28 until May 3. KW|AG gratefully acknowledges Manulife Financial as the *Expressions 34* and *Re-mix* Exhibition Sponsor. The Gallery is proud to continue its partnerships with the Waterloo Region District School Board and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board.



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"Great job to all the kids. They are our inspiration." - *Gallery visitor, Expression 33*

"I thought getting my art work put up in the Gallery was great!" - *Gallery visitor & Expression 33 artist*

**Gallery Hours:**

Mon - Wed 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thurs 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Fri - Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sun 1 -5 p.m.

**Exhibition Details**

*Expressions 34 & Re-mix*

March 28 - May 3, 2009

Public Opening Reception: Sunday, March 29, 2008, 2 – 5 p.m.

Remarks at 2:30 p.m.

**About the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery**

Through thoughtful and engaging programs, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) connects people and ideas through art. The Gallery's exhibits and programs are built on the mission that art is the catalyst for shared experience, dialogue and imagination. The Gallery emphasizes contemporary art, often premiering works by Canadian and international artists. Exhibitions frequently draw upon selections from the 4 000 work permanent collection to provide a forum for dialogue. KW|AG plays a vital educational role in the community, offering a full spectrum of artistic experience for adults, children and families alike. 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. For more information, contact [mail@kwag.on.ca](mailto:mail@kwag.on.ca) or visit [www.kwag.on.ca](http://www.kwag.on.ca).

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