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Expressions 33 and Re-mix: A Glimpse into the Everyday Lives of Young People

A Celebration of Student Artwork from Waterloo Region

March 25, 2008 – *Kitchener, Ontario, Canada* – The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery's annual *Expressions* exhibition opens a window into the world of youth. This year's exhibit, ***Expressions 33***, opens Sunday, March 30th with a public reception from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Opening remarks will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Thematic Explorations as a Catalyst for Dialogue

The vibrant assortment of artwork including paintings, sketches, sculptures, photographs and multimedia works are interspersed with professional artists' works from the Gallery's permanent collection to reflect common themes, interests and ideas. This year's themes are:

- Link – exploring the notion of connecting, uniting, and joining; a tie, bond or relationship; connection between ourselves and our communities.
- Once – interpretations of one's memories and stories.
- Aha! – expressions of discovery, surprise, triumph or even irony.
- Alive – interpretations of life encompassing animals, the earth and our environment.

According to Tasha Ethelston, Director of Public Programs and Education, "*Expressions 33* is a celebration of the myriad talents of young people in Waterloo region. *Expressions* is also an opportunity to recognize the teachers who nurture and support the students' artistic accomplishments. We are proud to continue partnerships with the Waterloo Region District School Board and the Waterloo Catholic District School Board. This collaboration inspires us everyday and helps us continue to be a strong advocate for arts education in the community."

A related exhibition, ***Re-mix***, features artwork by students who have participated in the Gallery's Tour and Studio and March Break workshops during the winter 2008 exhibition season. Focusing primarily on *Meander 100'*, a work by artist Jennifer Stead, students created panoramic landscapes inspired by their ideas, dreams, and Stead's large-scale drawing. The landscapes were then combined to create a collaborative visionary landscape.

" I have been doing 'art' for almost forty years and the work here, of children, has left me in awe! Thank you for this."

– *Gallery visitor, Expressions 32 exhibition*

Expressions 33 and *Re-mix* are on view from March 29 until May 4. KW|AG gratefully acknowledges Manulife Financial as the *Expressions 33* and *Re-mix* exhibition sponsor.



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" Absolutely beautiful artwork. It was great to see so much talent from such a diverse group of students."

– Gallery visitor, Expressions 32 exhibition

Expressions is one of the longest and largest KW|AG exhibitions showcasing over 200 student works. Approximately 70 schools participate from the public and Catholic school boards and independent schools in the region.

Exhibition Details

Expressions 33 & Re-mix

March 29 – May 4, 2008

Public Opening Reception: Sunday, March 30, 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 4000 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 or visit www.kwag.on.ca.

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