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Celebrate Family Day at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

February 6, 2008 – *Kitchener, ON, Canada* – On February 18th celebrate Ontario's new statutory holiday, Family Day, at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) with art activities and exhibits for all ages to enjoy. The Gallery is one of several neighbourhood institutions taking part in the "*Discover Your Downtown Treasures*" project, along with The Children's Museum, Registry Theatre, and Joseph Schneider Haus. Each organization is hosting a full day of activities for children, youth and adults.

On Family Day Gallery visitors can:

- Participate in drama activities relating to Alex Cameron's *Changing Weather* exhibit;
- 'Design a Lot' using connectistix or drawing materials, taking inspiration from Kelly Richardson's *Forest Park*;
- Begin a Nature Journal making *Field Notes* sketches and observations, as a naturalist would, relating to Geoffrey James' work; or
- Join in a gallery-wide treasure hunt for hidden treasures within the exhibition's art work. A grand prize will be drawn for a free Saturday ARTLAB class in the spring!

In KW|AG's Interpretive Gallery, children, youth and adults can also take inspiration from the works of art to create poetry or contribute to a collaborative panorama by adding real or imagined landscape art.

Popular arts educator Mindy Alexander will guide visitors through creative activities relating to the current exhibitions. Mindy has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from York University and extensive experience teaching people of all ages.

"Family Day is an exciting new venture for the Gallery. We look forward to offering an array of activities that will appeal to all ages including parents and children, couples, singles and students," says Jill Klepacki, Public Programs Coordinator, KW|AG. "The exhibits and programs will inspire an exploration of your creativity and appreciation of your natural surroundings."

KW|AG's current exhibitions, on until March 23rd, feature works by Geoffrey James, Kelly Richardson, Jennifer Stead and Alex Cameron. In addition, on until September 7th is *Flatland*, work from our permanent collection.

Admission to the Gallery is free; everyone is welcome to drop in throughout the day, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Directions to the Gallery can be found at <http://www.kwag.on.ca/section/view/?fnode=18>

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 or visit www.kwag.on.ca.



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