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## Meet Artist Jennifer Stead on February 12<sup>th</sup>

February 5, 2008 – *Kitchener, ON, Canada* – Meet artist Jennifer Stead at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KW|AG) on February 12, 2008 at 7 p.m.

The Gallery's on-going series of artist talks provide an opportunity to engage in thought provoking discussions about current KW|AG exhibitions. Artists offer an overview of their previous work as well as insights into their current work on exhibit in the Gallery. After sharing ideas and aspects of their creative process, attendees can ask questions and meet the artist.

Jennifer Stead will discuss her work, *Meander 100'* on view at the Gallery until March 23rd. *Meander 100'* is part of KW|AG's *Visionary Landscapes* series which presents projects that re-conceive the familiar, show us possible futures, and combine different geographies in unique and interesting ways. *Meander 100'* is reminiscent of the panoramic attractions popular in the 19th century. The function of the panorama was to create a sense that you are seeing the entirety of a place all at once. *Meander 100'* is devoid of direct representation of highways or roads, which carve out much of our geography. Like the panorama or the cyclorama, *Meander 100'* positions the viewer in the centre of the work, its wound scroll reminding the viewer that there is always more to be seen.



Jennifer Stead, *Meander 100'* (detail), 2007, charcoal on Stonehenge paper, 52" x 100'. Image courtesy of the artist.

According to Stead, "*Meander 100'* is a walk through the woods, through time and remembrances of encounters with previously seen, known, felt and distilled experience...Starting at one end, the drawing developed, as do many of my paintings from left to right. Each day I would roll up the previous days work, unroll a few more feet of paper and continue, its emphatic horizontality a constant reminder of the endless horizon or the surface of the earth."



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Admission is free; everyone is welcome. For more information, please visit the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery website at [www.kwag.on.ca](http://www.kwag.on.ca) or call 519.579.5860.

### **About the Artist**

Based in Banff, Alberta, Jennifer Stead received a MFA from the University of Calgary. Her work has been featured in exhibitions at the Maison de la Culture Cote des Neiges (Montreal), the Nickle Arts Museum (Calgary), and is in the collections of the Banff Centre of the Arts, Tom Thomson Gallery, and numerous private collections. Stead is represented by Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Paul Kuhn Gallery and Birch Libralato.

### **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. KW|AG frequently draws upon selections from the 4,000-work permanent collection to provide a forum for dialogue. The Gallery is pleased to emphasize contemporary art, often premiering works by Canadian and international artists. KW|AG plays a vital educational role in the community, offering a full spectrum of artistic experience to 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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