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Internationally celebrated artist Kent Monkman shows his support for KWAG at Black & Gold fundraiser

2 October 2019, Kitchener ON – The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery welcomes internationally celebrated Cree artist Kent Monkman as their Guest of Honour at Black & Gold, the Gallery's signature fundraising event returning to **Bingeman's on Thursday 17 October**. Proudly presented by CIBC Wood Gundy – Allan Bush, this year's fundraiser aims to raise over \$50,000 to support the many dynamic art exhibitions and educational programs that KWAG offers free to the public year-round. A cocktail hour featuring a live magician, an extensive art and silent auction, and Latin jazz from the Tavares Trio round out this gala evening.

"We're incredibly grateful to everyone who supports the Gallery," explains Shirley Madill, KWAG's Executive Director. "The funds raised from Black & Gold support programming initiatives and this year, we're celebrating the important relationships that exist between artists and the Gallery. We're honoured to have Kent Monkman as our special guest – an incredibly inspiring artist who has helped art museums understand the complexities of historical and contemporary Indigenous experiences."

Kent Monkman is widely known for his provocative interventions into Western European and American art history, through which he explores colonization, sexuality, loss and resilience. His painting and installation works have been exhibited across North America and Europe, including an upcoming large-scale commission for the Great Hall at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. In addition to his appearance at Black & Gold as a guest speaker, Monkman has also kindly donated one of his limited-edition prints to this year's art auction.



"CIBC Wood Gundy is very pleased to support Black & Gold and the incredible programming and exhibitions of the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery," says Allan Bush, who will be returning as Master of Ceremonies for this year's event. "Our region benefits immensely from the Gallery and the vital art it brings to our community. Plus, Black & Gold is a really fun evening!"

Individual tickets and tables of eight remain on sale for Black & Gold and can be purchased online at kwag.ca/blackandgold or by phone at 519-579-5860 x 100.

ABOUT THE KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY

Established in 1956, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) is Waterloo Region's leading public art gallery with an emphasis on contemporary art, offering creative and accessible experiences for all ages and segments of society. KWAG connects people and ideas through art, drawing the community into a shared experience of art that moves from sight to insight. The Gallery and its Permanent Collection of more than 4000 works is located within Centre In The Square.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral Confederacy), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples.

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HOURS AND ADMISSION

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm

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