

## Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery Announces A New Installment of the Culture Talks Series Featuring Mitchell Cohen, CM.



12 March 2025, Kitchener ON - The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery continues a series of conversations on the creation of great cities with the upcoming presentation [Culture Talks: Art, Architecture, the Public Realm and Social Infrastructure](#). Presented in partnership with Perimeter Development Corporation, with the support of the Grand Valley Society of Architects, the Waterloo Region Community Foundation, and the Walper Hotel, this popular series returns on Thursday, 10 April at 6:30 p.m. with Mitchell Cohen, CM.

KWAG's series of Culture Talks stems from the Gallery's commitment to civic engagement, where the Gallery takes seriously its role as an art museum in city revitalization and explores the future role of artists and architects as cultural placemakers. This year, the series takes a deeper dive into the essential functions of social infrastructure—the network of services and facilities that support community well-being while promoting social equity and driving economic growth.

Mitchell Cohen, CM, is president and CEO of The Daniels Corporation, steering the organization's strategic and long-term vision since 1984. Under his leadership, Daniels has become known for building residential offerings for people at all stages of life and for its commitment to building a healthy social infrastructure within each new community. Over the past four decades, the company has also created innovative affordable rental programs and programs that help tenants become first-time homeowners.

"Every one of us – individuals and business leaders – has the power to unleash creativity and connectivity to build health, vitality and social justice into the fabric of our communities" – Mitchell Cohen.

In 2019, Cohen was appointed to the Order of Canada in recognition of his "contributions to urban development and for his commitment to community building." Noted for his work on the Regent Park Revitalization Project, he is esteemed for his deft ability to forge partnerships with residents, developers and governments to transform iconic landscapes. Cohen's book, *Rhythms of Change*, explores the revitalization journey that would effectively turn Regent Park into one of the city's "go to" neighbourhoods.

"Waterloo Region is undergoing a tremendous amount of transformative growth, and the Gallery is committed to social justice and embracing our role in the revitalization of downtown Kitchener and the Civic District through culture," explains Shirley Madill, KWAG's Executive Director.

"Perimeter is thrilled to continue our partnership with KWAG on Culture Talks" says Craig Beattie, a founding partner at Perimeter Development Corporation. "We are passionate about our role in designing and building physical spaces that facilitate social interaction thereby strengthening the social fabric of a city and we believe in the power of art to transform such places".

Limited tickets to [Culture Talks: Art, Architecture, the Public Realm and Social Infrastructure are available online](#) from \$12.50 - \$22.50 plus HST or by phone at 519-579-5860 x 100. Following the presentation, Professor Rick Haldenby from the School of Architecture, University of Waterloo will engage in a discussion with Mitchell Cohen. 100 copies of Mitchell Cohen's book *Rhythms of Change* will be available for FREE on the night of the talk.

KWAG gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of our presenting sponsor, Perimeter Development Corporation, the support of the Walper Hotel, Grand Valley Society of Architects as well as the Waterloo Region Community Foundation.

### **About Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery**

As Waterloo Region's leading public art gallery, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) connects people and ideas through art. Its nationally acclaimed exhibitions

and programs welcome all to be inspired and challenged through a deepened understanding of ourselves, our cultures, and our communities. For the benefit of current and future generations, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery collects, preserves, researches, interprets, and exhibits the visual arts. It offers dynamic public programs that inspire creativity and an appreciation of the visual arts in the Region and beyond. Established in 1956 and incorporated in 1968, KWAG is a non-profit organization open to the public and administered in the public trust. Admission is free.

KWAG respectfully acknowledges that we are located in Block 2 on the Haldimand Tract: land promised to Six Nations, which includes ten kilometers on each side of the Grand River.\* This is the traditional home of the Attawandaron (Neutral), Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee Peoples, whose resilience we honor by offering this Gallery as a space to reflect and learn from one another.

We are committed to reconciliation and ensuring that our Gallery's programs and Permanent Collection demonstrate more diverse, culturally relevant Canadian art and artists.

Accessibility: KWAG is fully accessible.

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