

Culture Talks 2020 look to art, architecture and the environment with Alexandra McIntosh from Fogo Island Arts

28 January 2020, Kitchener ON – The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is launching a new series of Culture Talks in partnership with Perimeter Development Corporation to address the integration of art in architecture and the environment. This popular public lecture series returns to **The Walper Hotel on Thursday 6 February 6:30 pm** with a presentation by Alexandra McIntosh of Fogo Island Arts, a residency-based art organization that has hosted creatives and thinkers from around the world in awe-inspiring studios that merge with the landscape of this remote Newfoundland island.

Alexandra McIntosh is Director of Programs and Exhibitions at Fogo Island Arts, where she oversees artist residencies, exhibitions, publications and events, as well as the development of strategic programs and partnerships. Her projects with FIA include establishing an annual series of socially and politically engaged film, and a residency dedicated to arts writing. She is co-editor of Fogo Island Arts' publication series with Sternberg Press, and has contributed writings on art and architecture to numerous



publications. Prior to joining FIA in 2015, McIntosh was a curator at the Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Calgary, and Program Manager, Visual Arts, at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

“The Gallery is committed to our role as a cultural leader in advancing the importance of art in a healthy environment,” explains Shirley Madill, KWAG’s Executive Director. “Culture Talks 2020 continues to bring visionaries and creative thinkers to the Region with a line-up of speakers whose practices embrace the integration of art in architecture and the environment. Fogo Island Arts is a venue that encapsulates this theme beautifully and is a perfect launch to this new series. We are grateful for the presenting sponsorship of Perimeter Development Corporation, a company that has been instrumental in making a difference in our community through exceptional developments. We also acknowledge the support of the Grand Valley Society of Architects, who as a group, are a hub of creativity in the field of architecture.”

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“Perimeter is thrilled to be partnering with KWAG again on Culture Talks” says Craig Beattie, a founding partner at Perimeter Development Corporation. “We are passionate about the issues surrounding the fusion of art and architecture with the environment, which is of great importance in today’s climate. I look forward to the launch of the series with Alexandra McIntosh from Fogo Island Arts.”

Tickets to Culture Talks with Alexandra McIntosh remain on sale for \$20 plus HST and are available online at kwag.ca/culturetalks or by phone at 519-579-5860x100. A reception for all guests will follow Ms. McIntosh’s presentation at The Walper Hotel from 7:30 pm. Tickets are also available for our next Culture Talks event with award-winning architect **Paul Raff on Thursday 16 April.**

For more information about Culture Talks and the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, please visit kwag.ca

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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

Admission to KWAG’s exhibitions is free, courtesy of Sun Life Financial.

