

Expressions 43 and InSight Exhibitions Showcase Emerging Young Artists From Across Waterloo Region

19 April, 2018, Kitchener ON – The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is proud to announce the opening of our forty-third annual exhibition of artwork by students from across Waterloo Region. *Expressions 43: Recalibrate* and *InSight: RE:* are on view from 21 April to 27 May, 2018, and will be celebrated with an Opening Reception this Sunday 22 April from 2:00-5:00pm.

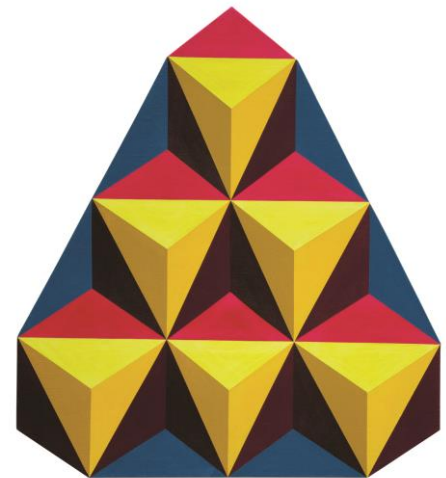
Expressions 43: Recalibrate features artwork made by students from Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 12. Inspired by Rhyma Her's geometric painting *Altering*, students were encouraged to rethink their subjects and imagine new possibilities for an ever-changing world. Shown alongside works by **Edward Burtynsky**, **Michael Snow**, **Claude Tousignant** and others from KWAG's Permanent Collection, this exhibition provides a meaningful historical context for the ideas and aspirations of our next generation of creative young people.

This year's InSight installation, *RE:*, is the result of a long-term collaboration between students at St. Benedict Catholic Secondary School and Waterloo artist Catherine Mellinger. These artists offer potential solutions to present-day ecological and political crises through imaginary machines made entirely from found and recycled materials.

"This exhibition demonstrates an amazing collaboration between the Waterloo Catholic District School Board, the Waterloo Region District School Board, and the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery," says Annabelle Girard, Director of Public Programs. "Furthermore, *Expressions* demonstrates the importance and value of arts education in the lives of young people facing entirely new challenges. All the artists in this exhibition are to be congratulated for sharing these imaginative insights into their experiences."

"*Expressions* hearkens back to our origins in 1956 when the Gallery was established in a bicycle shed behind Kitchener Collegiate Institute," adds Shirley Madill, KWAG's Executive Director. "Recognizing the importance of art education for our youth began at that time and has endured and grown to this day. No matter what careers our children choose, exploring their creativity through the visual arts will give them a competitive edge. I am pleased and grateful to our sponsors Manulife and TD Bank, who share that belief."

Members of the KWAG Youth Council will conduct free guided tours of *Expressions 43* on **Tuesday 1 May at 4:00pm** as part of National Youth Arts Week. (*continued...*)



Rhyma Her, *Altering*, 2017. Acrylic on canvas/board. Photo: R. McNair.

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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

T-W 9:30 am-5 pm, Thu 9:30 am-9 pm, Fri 9:30 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun 1-5 pm
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