

# Worrywarts and the Great Divide explored at Oakville Galleries

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(Oakville) – Oakville Galleries is pleased to present the opening of two uniquely Canadian exhibitions: *Beyond Her Usual Limits* by video artist Deirdre Logue, running from 13 September - 16 November at Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens; and *Burning Cold*, which features an exploration of Canadian identity running from 13 September – 23 November 2008 at Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square.

We invite the public to an opening reception this **Friday 12 September at 7:30pm** at Centennial Square. A reception sponsored by Whole Foods Market will follow from 8:30 to 10 pm in Gairloch Gardens. A bus to the opening will depart from The Gladstone Hotel (1214 Queen Street West, Toronto) at 7 pm, returning to downtown Toronto at 10 pm. Fee: \$10.

## **Deirdre Logue *Beyond Her Usual Limits***

Curated by Matthew Hyland, this exhibition of Logue's recent work centers on video-based self-portraits of obsessions, anxieties and reluctant self-revelations as communicated through a series of performative and repetitive actions. In sharing a series of affective but ultimately guarded gestures, Logue cultivates an uncanny intimacy with the camera to explore the precarious nature of time, the body and the self.

## ***Burning Cold***

Features artists Shuvina Ashoona, BGL, Brian Jungen, Tania Kitchell, Craig Leblanc, Annie Pootoogook, John Sabourin, Doug Smarch Jr., Emily Vey Duke and Cooper Battersby. Organized by a panel of curators from across the country and circulated by the Yukon Arts Centre Public Art Gallery, this exhibition showcases some of Canada's finest young artistic talents from both the north and south. In introducing questions and concepts crucial to understanding Canada's national identity, this exhibition considers the unique cultural and social experiences of First Nations people living in northern Canada as juxtaposed with the realities of the Canadian south.

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## **Upcoming events at Oakville Galleries (Og<sub>2</sub>):**

### **Professional Development for Artists - *Gairloch Variations***

**September 23, 30 and October 7 & 14 in Gairloch Gardens from 1 - 5 pm**

Led by acclaimed artist Olia Mishchenko, this four-week programme provides professional development to local artists interested in landscape and nature. Participants will explore Gairloch Gardens as both the subject and medium for a variety of artistic practices. Fee: \$240 (\$205 for *Friends of Oakville Galleries*).

### **Doors Open Oakville - September 27 & 28**

#### **Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens**

Every year around the globe, hundreds of historic buildings, natural spaces and heritage gardens (some of which are rarely accessible to the public) open for free as part of Doors Open. Oakville Galleries will take part as one of 20 official sites in the first ever 'Doors Open Oakville', where visitors to Gairloch Gardens will enjoy the current exhibitions and a screening of *Paving The Way to Paradise*, a brief historical documentary describing both the history and design of Gairloch Gardens while exploring development in Oakville from the turn of the twentieth century to present day. Attendance for Doors Open Oakville is free of charge.

### **ARTbus - October 26**

Take a ride on the ARTbus to galleries in west GTA where riders will be guided by the shows' artists and curators through the exhibitions presented at Oakville Galleries, Art Gallery of Mississauga and Blackwood Gallery. Snacks will be served at noon. The bus will provide pick-up and drop-off locations in Toronto, Mississauga and Oakville. Fee: \$10

**Gallery Talk: Georgiana Uhlyarik from the Art Gallery of Ontario  
October 28, 7:30 pm, Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square**

Georgiana Uhlyarik will bring an historical perspective to the current Og2 exhibition, *Burning Cold*. Using the three themes from her new installation of the Canadian collection at the AGO—power, myth and memory—she will discuss contemporary expressions of Canadian art and identity in tandem with their historical antecedents. Fee: \$10.

For details on these exhibition-inspired events, please contact: Catherine Sicot at 905.844.4402, ext. 30.

*Oakville Galleries (Og2) is a not-for-profit charitable public art museum where contemporary art is the impetus for advancing imagination and self-reflection. Through two sites, Og2 serves communities in Oakville, Halton Region and wider audiences nationally and internationally.*

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