

# Celebrated photographer Claude-Philippe Benoit comes to Oakville Galleries

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(Oakville) – Oakville Galleries is pleased to present an artist's talk with Claude-Philippe Benoit for his upcoming exhibit entitled, ***Société de ville (City Society)*** **this Friday 30 May at 6:30 pm at Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square.** The exhibition will run from 31 May to 31 August 2008 at Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square.

*“The composition and tone of Benoit’s prints are truly breathtaking...,”* says Emily Falvey, writer, art critic and Curator of Contemporary Art at the Ottawa Art Gallery. *“Société de ville comprises a series of very large-format, black and white photographs that explores both the beauty and anxiety associated with the fringes of surveyed urban space. Focusing specifically on those pockets and margins in which nature bleeds back into the built environment like grass through cracked asphalt, Benoit’s images reveal a connection between the fear of unsupervised urban sites and latent pre-modern superstition...”*

The exhibition is curated by Marnie Fleming, Curator of Contemporary Art at Oakville Galleries.

*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. Og2 is governed by an autonomous Board of Directors.*

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