

Oakville Galleries Opens Permanent Collection Exhibition

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June 18, 2008 (Oakville) - Oakville Galleries is pleased to present *Mnemonic Devices*, an exhibition assembled from their permanent collection running from **June 21 to August 31, 2008** at Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens. Curated by Matthew Hyland, this exhibition features artists Stephen Andrews, Bill Barrette, John Brown, Janet Cardiff, Stan Denniston, Attila Richard Lukacs, Duncan MacDonald, Regan Morris, Paulette Phillips and Colette Whiten.

The frequency of everyday references to memory crashes, cultural amnesia, false memory syndrome and confabulation points to the ever-widening gap between the event as lived and memory as recalled. *Mnemonic Devices* brings together the work of ten contemporary artists who are grappling with the imperfect shape of remembrance. Exploring the manner in which time, emotion and popular culture influence the formation and transformation of memories, these artists move beyond the mere act of making the absent present and instead wrestle with the inevitable fallibility of the mind's eye.

Please join us at Oakville Galleries for a curator's talk with Matthew Hyland on **Sunday 27 July at 2:30 pm in Gairloch Gardens.**

Upcoming events at Oakville Galleries:

Conversations on the Porch: In Conjunction with *Mnemonic Devices*

Oakville Galleries (Og₂) invites the community to Gairloch Estate's lakeside porch to participate in an evening of story-telling while enjoying the magnificent views of Gairloch Gardens and Lake Ontario. Fee: \$5 per participant. Refreshments will be served.

Our first event, on **July 15, 2008 at 7:30 pm** features sisters Kristen den Hartog and Tracy Kasaboski, co-authors of *The Occupied Garden*; the moving memoir of their grandparents, set in Nazi-occupied Holland. Check our website at oakvillegalleries.com for upcoming 'Conversations on the Porch' this summer, including conversations in French.

ARTbus Tour! Sunday 27 July

The communities of Oakville and Mississauga are invited to take a ride on the magic bus to art galleries in our area. Participants will be guided through the exhibitions presented at Oakville Galleries and the Art Gallery of Mississauga by the shows' artists and curators and will also have time to picnic by the lake at Og₂. The bus will pick up and drop off in both Mississauga and Oakville in Gairloch Gardens. \$10 per participant. Visit Oakville Galleries' Website for the complete ARTbus tour schedule.

Exhibition Talks

27 July at 12:00 - Og₂ at Centennial Square: participate in a public discussion on Claude-Philippe Benoit's exhibition, *Société de ville (City Society)*, followed by a curator's tour of *Mnemonic Devices* at 2:30 pm at Og₂ in Gairloch Gardens. This event is free of charge.

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.