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REGINA FINE ARTS PRESCHOOL FINDS SPACE AT THE MACKENZIE ART GALLERY

Parents with children enrolled in Regina's Preschool Fine Arts Co-op are excited about the program's new location at the MacKenzie.

Regina, SK – The MacKenzie Art Gallery is excited to announce a new partnership with Preschool Fine Arts Co-op. In June the preschool was given notice that as of the fall it would no longer have space in Grant Road School due to an increase in enrollment. Efforts to find a suitable space for the parent-run, nonprofit organization proved extremely difficult and the preschool was in danger of closing its doors until it approached the MacKenzie Art Gallery.

Beginning in September the program will resume with 40 children attending the preschool in one of the MacKenzie Art Gallery's studios. "This new partnership is extremely exciting for the MacKenzie Art Gallery," said Jeremy Morgan, Executive Director of the MacKenzie Art Gallery. "We look forward to opening our doors to the creative energy of these children and their families, the future of the MacKenzie."

"With the difficulty of finding a space we would have been willing to accept almost anything. The Mackenzie is a dream space for us and we are very excited for this opportunity," said Stephanie Maher-Pekrul, Board President of the Preschool Fine Arts Co-op.

About the Preschool Fine Arts Co-op

The Preschool Fine Art Co-op is a child-centred, arts-based preschool program for 3 - 5 year olds with an integrated curriculum of visual art, drama, music and creative movement. The school's emphasis on creative expression, together with its low student to teacher ratio, combines for an unparalleled learning environment for young children. As the only program of its kind in Regina, there is a need as well as a strong demand for the preschool. The early childhood organization, which has been operating as a parent-run co-operative for more than 30 years already has a waitlist for the 2013-14 school year.

About the MacKenzie Art Gallery

The MacKenzie Art Gallery is Saskatchewan's largest public art gallery, offering original exhibitions of contemporary and historical art from Saskatchewan, Canada and around the world. Through the years the MacKenzie has developed a national reputation and has won numerous awards for its leading-edge contemporary exhibitions and its innovative educational and provincial outreach programs. An interactive and creative space, we provide educational programs, unique community events and free public tours for people of all ages. The MacKenzie's vault contains more than 4,000 pieces of art from our treasured permanent collection.

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