

TO GATHER TOGETHER

2023 JURIED EXHIBITION

ACT ART GALLERY CELEBRATES TOGETHERNESS IN JURIED SHOW *TO GATHER TOGETHER*

Exhibition is the Second of Five Planned for the 2023/24 Season of Visual Arts

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On Saturday, November 18 from 2-4 pm, The ACT Art Gallery will open a juried exhibition, *To Gather Together*, with works selected from an open call on the theme of community, togetherness.

The theme reflects the year 2023, in a new chapter of revisiting relationships with friends and family, and recognizing the importance of connecting through cultural and social bonds. The artworks depict gatherings with loved ones, cultural symbols, leisure activities, one's home, and significant locations.

"We received numerous submissions for the open call, and it was inspiring to see artwork from both new and familiar artists around the Lower Mainland. This is our second year organizing a themed juried show and we find it's a great way to bring the community together" adds Courtney Miller, Curator and Gallery Manager.



Yoshi Kamei, *Go Jyu No Tou*

To Gather Together features the works of 65 artists in a wide variety of mediums, including painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed media, pottery, fibre art, and woodwork. Over a third of the artists selected reside in the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows area. Most of the art works in the exhibition are available for purchase.

The Opening Reception is a free event open to the public, and the exhibition will run through January 6, 2024.



Shivani Singhal, *Stronger Together*

The ACT Art Gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10am-4pm and on selected evenings.

A dedicated Community Gallery space located inside The ACT Art Centre, The ACT Art Gallery is operated by the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council. In fulfilling its mission to broaden and enrich the public's appreciation and understanding of the visual arts, the Gallery presents engaging and diverse displays of artwork by local, regional, and national artists, and accompanying talks, workshops and other presentations. The adjacent Gallery Shop offers a diverse selection of art and handmade goods including ceramics, jewelry candles, artwork, art cards, glassware, and home goods, supporting local artists and artisans.

ABOUT THE ACT ART GALLERY AND THE ACT ARTS CENTRE

The ACT Arts Centre, opened in 2003, is operated by the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Arts Council, and provides excellence in Arts Learning Programs, Gallery Exhibitions and Performing Arts Presentations. The centre is home to many cultural and community events, reaching over 70,000 patrons annually.

The ACT Arts Centre gratefully acknowledges the generous support of **Epic Homes** as the 2023/24 season title sponsor, and support from **The Department of Canadian Heritage, The BC Arts Council, The Province of British Columbia, The City of Maple Ridge, Prospera Credit Union** and many generous individual and business donors and sponsors.

We acknowledge that we are fortunate to be able to work, create, learn, and connect on the traditional unceded territories of the Katzie First nation and Kwantlen First Nation.

Please visit us at www.theactmapleridge.org/to-gather-together

- Exhibition Dates:** Saturday, November 18, 2023 – Saturday, January 6, 2024
Opening Reception: Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM (FREE)
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM and selected evenings
Location: The ACT Art Gallery (at The ACT Arts Centre)
11944 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6G1

MEDIA RESOURCES

Exhibition poster and select images can be accessed [via Dropbox](#). Please always credit the artist when using the images. Artist name is indicated on each file name.

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