



Galerie d'art Louise et Reuben-Cohen

SOBEY ART AWARD: 10 YEARS OF ATLANTIC FINALISTS

MONCTON, June 1 2012 – Celebrating ten years of the Sobey Art Award focusing on the excellence of young Canadian artists, the Louise and Reuben- Cohen Art Gallery presents a group exhibition titled *Sobey Art Award: 10 Years of Atlantic Finalists*. Organized by the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the show features the work of eight artists that have been selected over the years to represent the Atlantic region in this national competition. The opening will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at 5 PM. Sarah Fillmore, chief curator at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, will present the work included in the exhibition at the start of the evening.

Established in 2002 by the Sobey Art Foundation, the Sobey Art Award has become an important recognition for Canadian artists. This distinguished award is given annually to an artist 40 years and under and comes with cash prizes of 70 000 \$: 50 000 \$ goes to the recipient, and 5 000 \$ to each of the four remaining regional finalists. For ten years, this award has contributed to a better knowledge and appreciation of contemporary artistic expression in Canada. The nominated and shortlisted artists benefit from a critical examination of their work and an increased national awareness. Throughout all parts of the country, this enhanced visibility offers a showcase to artists that have accomplished a strong visual expression, but who may have been underrepresented in the past. Based on a rigorous curatorial selection, the Sobey Art Award also provides a standard of artistic excellence and validates the artists' research and processes.

The exhibition includes the work of **Emily Vey Duke** and **Cooper Battersby**, **Jean-Denis Boudreau**, **Mario Doucette**, **Greg Forrest**, **Zeke Moores**, **Graeme Patterson**, **Mathew Reichertz**, and **Colleen Wolstenholme**.

Sobey Art Award: 10 Years of Atlantic Finalists will be on show until September 9 2012. The opening on June 13 will be held concurrently with the opening of a travelling exhibition from the Acadian Museum of Prince Edward Island titled *Island Acadian Women* presented at the Acadian Museum of the Université de Moncton. The Louise and Reuben-Cohen Art Gallery is located at 405 Université Avenue, in the Clément-Cormier building on the Université de Moncton campus. Gallery hours are 10 AM to 5 PM weekdays, and 1 PM to 5 PM on week-ends. Admission is free. For more information, please contact us at (506) 858-4088, or by email at galrc@umoncton.ca. For up-to-date information, «Like» us on [Facebook](#) or visit us at www.umoncton.ca/umcm-ga.

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