

Media Advisory

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Free tickets to the grand opening of the new Art Gallery of Alberta now available Online booking starts today for the two admission-free opening days

EDMONTON, AB – Starting at noon today, the **Art Gallery of Alberta (AGA)** invites the public to begin booking free online tickets to the Gallery's two-day opening celebration on **Sunday, January 31, 2010** and **Monday, February 1, 2010**.

In order to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of the large number of visitors anticipated, entry for the two-day opening will be available through a timed-ticket system. Visitors will be able to book tickets online at youraga.ca for a specific time between **9:00 am to 8:30 pm** on each of the AGA's two opening days. The free tickets (maximum of four per person) will be issued online on a first come, first serve basis and are limited in quantity. Entrance into the new Gallery during the two-day event will not be permitted without a valid timed-ticket. Recommended visit time is one hour.

To reserve tickets or to purchase an AGA Membership, please visit youraga.ca.

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ABOUT THE ART GALLERY OF ALBERTA

The Art Gallery of Alberta is creating a new gallery—a "New Vision" for Alberta's capital. After a global architectural competition, Los Angeles based Randall Stout Architects, Inc. was selected to design the new gallery. With opening exhibitions in early 2010, the new AGA will be an 85,000 square foot premier presentation venue for international and Canadian art, education and scholarship. The new AGA will be a centre of excellence for the visual arts in Western Canada in the 21st century, expressing the creative spirit of Alberta and connecting people, art and ideas.

Founded in 1924, the Art Gallery of Alberta (AGA) is the oldest cultural institution in Alberta and the only museum in the province strictly devoted to the exhibition and preservation of art and visual culture. Serving both the city of Edmonton and the province of Alberta, the Gallery maintains a collection of nearly 6,000 objects. The AGA is focused on the development and presentation of original exhibitions of contemporary and historical art; on building national and international curatorial partnerships for the creation of new exhibition projects; and on the development and delivery of a program of touring exhibitions that disseminate contemporary and historical art within Alberta and across Canada.

The AGA is a not-for-profit organization that relies on the generous support of its Members, donors, sponsors and government. The Art Gallery of Alberta is grateful for the generous support of the many public and private donors and sponsors who have made the AGA's New Vision possible, as well as the ongoing support of the City of Edmonton, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, The Canada Council for the Arts and our Members.

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