

Media Advisory

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Art Gallery of Alberta opening week includes launch of new series of late night parties Series showcases Alberta-based visual and performing artists

EDMONTON, AB – The Art Gallery of Alberta (AGA) is excited to announce, as part of their opening week celebrations, the launch of a new series of late night art parties on **Saturday, February 6, 2010**. The lively new series, called *Refinery*, will feature Alberta-based artists from multiple disciplines, including film, music, dance, photography and design. There are three *Refinery* parties planned for 2010, each themed around a different AGA exhibition.

The February 6 party is inspired by the opening exhibition, *EDGAR DEGAS: Figures in Motion* and will take place across three floors in the new gallery. The night includes the projection of a new film titled *Figs in Motion* by Edmonton-based filmmakers **Trevor Anderson** and **aAron Munson**; an interactive BLOCKHEAD installation by local designer and artist **Gabe Wong**; as well as music spun by **Nik 7 & Jaycie Jayce** from the Edmonton bands Normals Welcome and Shout Out Out Out.

Guests will also be able to participate in an **Arabesque Competition** led by **Rapid Fire Theatre's Amy Shostak**, a photography project by **Klyment Tan** as well as a special tour of the AGA's current Degas exhibition led by Alberta Ballet's **Jennifer Faulkner** and Citie Ballet's **Francois Chevennement**. Those in attendance will get the first glimpse at Edmonton-based Urban Fashion Group's **4ARTSAKE t-shirts**.

The ticket price includes one free Degas-inspired drink along with hors d'oeuvres by **Zinc Catering**, the AGA's new on-site caterer led by the Zinc resto lounge culinary team.

Tickets to *Refinery* are \$45 in advance or \$55 at the door. AGA Ultra Members get 50% off of *Refinery* tickets. Tickets and Memberships are now available on the Gallery's website, www.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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