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Vancouver Art Gallery Announces Extended Holiday Hours During Final Weeks of *Emily Carr: New Perspectives on a Canadian Icon*

VANCOUVER, BC — The Vancouver Art Gallery, currently featuring the landmark exhibition *Emily Carr: New Perspectives on a Canadian Icon*, will be open to the public on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day, making it one of the city's most accessible attractions over the holiday season.

"*Emily Carr: New Perspectives on a Canadian Icon*, is a once in a generation opportunity to see the full range of Carr's work together in one exhibition," said senior curator Ian Thom. "It is a wonderful opportunity to experience the breadth and diversity of her artistic practice, as well as to see works that have never been on display in Vancouver before."

On view until January 7, 2007, *Emily Carr: New Perspectives on a Canadian Icon* is the first national touring retrospective exhibition of Carr's work in more than thirty years. Examining the painter through the lens of her exhibition history and extraordinary life, the exhibition reveals a complex woman of extreme talent and conviction. Jointly organized by the Vancouver Art Gallery and the National Gallery of Canada, the exhibition features nearly 200 objects by Carr and others, including paintings, drawings, watercolours, caricatures, ceramics, sculpture, hooked rugs, books, maps and photographs.

Extended Holiday Hours:

Christmas Eve – 10 am to 5:30 pm

Christmas Day – 10 am to 4 pm

Boxing Day – 10 am to 9 pm

Dec. 27 – 10 am to 5:30 pm

Dec. 28 – 10 am to 9 pm

Dec. 29 – 10 am to 5:30 pm

Dec. 30 – 10 am to 5:30 pm

New Years Eve – 10 am to 5:30 pm

New Years Day – 10 am to 4 pm

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