

For Immediate Release

The Summer Set

An exhibition featuring selections from the Art Rental & Sales Program
of the Vancouver Art Gallery

Exhibition: May 27 – July 4, 2016
Opening Reception: Friday, May 27, 6-10pm
Part of ROVE: A Mount Pleasant Art Walk



May 20, 2016, Vancouver, BC – Vancouver Art Gallery is pleased to announce that the Gallery's Art Rental & Sales (AR&S) program will present its first-ever off-site exhibition, **The Summer Set**, at Kafka's, a community hub and neighbourhood café in the Mount Pleasant area. Guest-curated by independent curator Michael Schwartz, this exhibition draws artworks from the AR&S showroom's dynamic catalogue of over 80 emerging and mid-career artists based in British Columbia. Eight emerging BC artists are featured in this exhibition: Nancy Boyd, Desiree DeRuiter, Jocelyn Fisk-Schleger, Aimee Henny Brown, Hugh Kearney, Melissa Mercier, Esther Rausenberg, and Bill Wilkinson.

The Summer Set will be on display at Kafka's, at 2525 Main Street, in Vancouver, from May 27 to July 4, 2016. An opening reception will be held on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 6pm to 10pm as part of ROVE: A Mount Pleasant Art Walk. The reception is free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"We are very excited to showcase a selection of our works at Kafka's, a space where community members and diverse audiences will have the opportunity to enjoy art and get to know these talented local artists. Our long-standing Art Rental and Sales program has supported the presentation and sales of BC artists' works since the early 1950s. Consisting of photography, illustration, painting, collage and sculpture, *The Summer Set* is a great example of the impressive breadth of our program," said Zoe Mackoff de Miranda, Manager of the Art Rental & Sales program.

Michael Schwartz, curator of *The Summer Set* added: "The AR&S catalogue is really remarkable. I'm very honoured to be given a chance to sift through it and share some stunning works by amazing local artists."

About Vancouver Art Gallery's Art Rental & Sales

Art Rental & Sales is a not-for-profit business operated by the Vancouver Art Gallery. Since 1952, the program has promoted emerging and mid-career Canadian artists through the rental and sale of their artwork. All the

artwork in the rental program is consigned by the artists who receive the majority of the fees collected. Remaining proceeds help fund programming at the Vancouver Art Gallery. <http://www.artrentalsales.com>

About Kafka's

For six years, Kafka's has been a community hub, proudly supporting local artists by providing them with an affordable, high-visibility venue in which to exhibit their work. Kafka's prides itself on being the bridge between local artists and the community, making great art accessible to everyone.

About ROVE

ROVE is a semi-annual art walk in Mount Pleasant, offering Vancouverites a fun, firsthand look at the city's local art scene. This free, one-night community event maps out galleries, art studios and creative spaces that each feature local artists' work. In addition to *The Summer Set*, the May 27 edition of ROVE welcomes visitors to the studios of Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, Rebecca Chaperon, and Sunshine Frere, as well as local galleries MAKE, Burrard Arts Foundation, and Field Contemporary. An afterparty will be held at The Projection Room at 10pm. Entry is free with your ROVE Map!

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