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## **Art Moves: Vancouver Art Gallery's Art Auction takes place on February 15, 2014**

February 6, Vancouver, BC – Art can move hearts, souls, beliefs and understanding. Vancouver Art Gallery's major charitable event, Art Auction 2014, hopes to raise \$1 million dollars on the evening of February 15 in support of exhibitions and educational programs at the Gallery. Through the tremendous generosity of distinguished artists, private galleries and top collectors from around the world, more than 70 outstanding works of art have been donated to this significant fundraising endeavour.

Art patrons and artists will converge at the Vancouver Art Gallery for this gala fundraiser, beginning with a live auction at 6 pm, followed by dinner and a silent auction.

This event co-chairs are Lisa Turner and Bruce Wright, with Michael O'Brian serving as Honorary Chair. This event has also received generous support from the event's Sponsor, Dixon Mitchell Investment Counsel, and Visionary Partner, Michael O'Brian Family Foundation.

Among the works in the auction will be a painting by celebrated visual artist and writer Douglas Coupland whose solo exhibition *everywhere is anywhere is anything is everything* will be held at the Gallery later this year from May 31 to September 1. This work, titled *The thought of seeing images of the world 100 years after I die is intolerable. I don't want to know what is lost and what is kept* (2011), combines the traditional media of painting with the current technologies of QR code. The artwork that holds the highest estimated value is *T'samuus (Sea Monster, 2013)* by artist Robert Davidson, a magnificent aluminum sculpture personally contributed by the artist.

Art Auction 2014 artists include: Roy Arden, Holly Marie Armishaw, Marian Penner Bancroft, Raymond Boisjoly, Kevin Boyle, Rebecca Brewer, Edward Burtynsky, Janet Cardiff & George Bures Miller, Dana Claxton, Carlos Colin, Rande Cook, Douglas Coupland, Robert Davidson, Beau Dick, Christos Dikeakos, Stan Douglas, David Ellingsen, Kota Ezawa, Joe Fafard, Patrick Faigenbaum, Gathie Falk, Geoffrey Farmer, Julia Feyrer, Graham Gillmore, Ann Goldberg, Rodney Graham, Mike Grill, Fred Herzog, Emily Hill, Brian Howell, Shawn Hunt, Jay Isaac, Ji Yunfei, Barrie Jones, Kimsooja, Ann Kipling, Dion Kliner, Owen Kydd, Lyse Lemieux, Mark Lewis, Michael Lin, Attila Richard Lukacs, Landon Mackenzie, Myfanwy MacLeod, Elizabeth McIntosh, Gareth Moore, Damian Moppett, Muntadas, Eadweard Muybridge, Nicole Ondre, Jeremy Shaw, Gordon Smith, Henry Speck, Ron Stonier, Allan Switzer, Ron Terada, Howard Ursuliak, Stephen Waddell, Paul Wong, Gu Xiong, Xu Bing, Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, Mel Yap, Don Yeomans, Trace Yeomans, Alison Yip, Lawrence Paul Yuxweluptun, and Elizabeth Zvonar.

The auction will also feature a once-in-a-life-time gastronomic opportunity: Dine at the exquisite home of Lesley Stowe, with dinner prepared by Canada's leading chef David Hawksworth for the winning bidder and eleven friends.

Auction Catalogue: [artgalleryauction.ca](http://artgalleryauction.ca) | For ticket information, please call 604-662-4747.

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