KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY

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Award-winning designer Caroline Robbie next featured speaker at Culture Talks

30 April 2019, Kitchener ON - The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery concludes its first series of Culture Talks on the role of culturally active spaces in the creation of great cities with award-winning interior designer and Quadrangle Architects Principal Caroline Robbie. Presented in partnership with Perimeter Development Corporation, Culture Talks return to The Walper Hotel on Thursday 9 May at 6:30 pm with a presentation featuring Robbie's work on Artscape Daniels Launchpad, a new arts entrepreneurship hub in downtown Toronto.

Born into a creative family, Caroline Robbie's aesthetic was formed by an early exposure to how the built form and fine arts can affect one's quality of life from her artist mother and architect father. Skilled at managing complex projects, Caroline is a Quadrangle Principal and head of their Interiors Group. She has delivered some of Quadrangle's high profile, award-winning projects including Corus Entertainment, Deluxe Toronto, 60_80 Atlantic Avenue and multiple cultural, institutional and workplace projects at Daniels City of the Arts including Artscape Daniels Launchpad, HXOUSE, House of Cool, the Sugar Gallery and OCAD U CO. Caroline's role as a cultural and design thought leader in the industry is



strengthened by conceptual installations at major exhibition and industry events.

"Waterloo Region is undergoing a tremendous amount of transformative growth, and the Gallery is committed to our role as a cultural leader in advancing the importance of art in economic development," explains Shirley Madill, KWAG's Executive Director. "At a time when our civic leaders increasingly recognize the value of cultural hubs in economic development, thought leaders like Caroline Robbie provide invaluable perspective through her first-hand experience creating progressive communal spaces. We are grateful for the sponsorship and support of Perimeter Development Corporation, a company that has been instrumental in exceptional development and is a perfect match to KWAG's Culture Talks."

"Perimeter is thrilled to be working with KWAG on Culture Talks to bring creative thinking to the Region," says Craig Beattie, a founding partner at Perimeter Development Corporation. "We are passionate about the topics that these Culture Talks explore from architectural excellence and placemaking to mixed use developments and look forward to hearing Caroline Robbie share her insights on creating exceptional spaces for cultural innovation."

Tickets to Culture Talks: Creating Culturally Active Spaces with Caroline Robbie remain on sale for \$20 plus HST and are available online at kwag.ca/culturetalks or by phone at 519-579-5860x100. A reception for all guests will follow Ms. Robbie's presentation at The Walper Hotel from 7:30 pm.

For more information about Culture Talks and the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, please visit <u>kwag.ca</u>

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ABOUT THE KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY

Established in 1956, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery (KWAG) is Waterloo Region's leading public art gallery with an emphasis on contemporary art, offering creative and accessible experiences for all ages and segments of society. KWAG connects people and ideas through art, drawing the community into a shared experience of art that moves from sight to insight. The Gallery and its Permanent Collection of more than 4000 works is located within Centre In The Square.

The Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the Haldimand Tract, land promised to Six Nations, which includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron (Neutral Confederacy), Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples.

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HOURS AND ADMISSION

Tuesday-Wednesday 9:30 am-5 pm, Thursday 9:30 am-9 pm, Friday 9:30 am-5 pm, Saturday 10 am-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm

Admission to KWAG's exhibitions is free, courtesy of

