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Seven Communities to Be Gifted Art

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Seven communities across Manitoba will receive a contemporary, accessible, and public-facing work of art thanks to Mural 150, presented by CWB National Leasing and in partnership with Wall-to-Wall Rural Mural Tour.

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Seven communities to receive art. Mural 150 brings art across Manitoba. @Manitoba150 #MB150 #walltowallmb

Article Body

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Seven Manitoba communities will receive outdoor murals in celebration of Manitoba's history, culture, people and beauty through Mural 150, presented by CWB National Leasing and in partnership with Wall-to-Wall Mural & Culture Festival's Rural Mural Tour.

Synonym Art Consultation, one of the organizers of Wall-to-Wall, will connect each of the seven communities with contemporary Manitoba-based artists who will work with that community to share their unique story. The seven communities that will receive a contemporary mural and their selected artist are:

- Falcon Lake - artist: Kyla Quiring
- Flin Flon - artist TBA
- Gimli - artist: Anthony Nelson
- Norway House First Nation - artist: Kris Snowbird
- Pilot Mound - artist: Storm Angeconeb
- Roseau River First Nation - artist: Niamh Dooley
- The Pas - artist: Ashley Tower

While Mural 150, presented by CWB National Leasing was originally intended to bring subsidized art to five communities, COVID forced a reimagining of the program. With the support of program sponsor CWB National Leasing, Wall-to-Wall removed the need for communities to contribute funding and also expanded to seven communities by providing original, commissioned art that would be created and later installed on site.

"Who knew that COVID could change a program for the better? We are delighted to bring art to *more* communities and at *no* cost to those communities. From Flin Flon, The Pas, and Norway House in the north to Gimli, Pilot Mound, Roseau River, and Falcon Lake in the south, communities across the province will encounter beauty and art on a daily basis, and have new opportunities for telling the story of their people, history, and culture," said Manitoba 150 co-chairs, Monique LaCoste and Stuart Murray.

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Each piece will tell the story of the community in which it resides, and will inspire art, storytelling, and pride of place for all who see and visit the murals.

“This is an exciting program, and a tremendous legacy project for our province,” said Cathy Cox, Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage. “We are very pleased to see how things adapted and evolved despite all the challenges of the past year. This really speaks to the strength of Manitobans and our love for public art.”

“We’re delighted the program will have an even bigger impact, and inspire greater tourism, and fantastic local pride. Especially after a year of staying home, we appreciate the opportunity to support these great Manitoba communities in sharing their stories through art,” said Chris Noonan, Senior Vice-President, Operations of CWB National Leasing.

“After a successful pilot year in 2019, our team is thrilled to be expanding this project into more communities across Manitoba. We strongly believe all people should have equal access to public arts and arts programming and we’re excited to see and hear the impact these murals will have in each community,” said Andrew Eastman, co-founder and co-curator of Synonym Art Consultation.

The communities will now begin to work remotely with the artist of their choosing to tell their story. All COVID-19 safety guidelines are being followed. Artists do not need to travel to these communities.

Stay tuned for the mural reveals over the summer.

About the Manitoba 150 Host Committee

The year 2020 marks 150 years since Manitoba became Canada’s fifth province, the only province to enter Confederation under Indigenous leadership. The Manitoba 150 Host Committee Inc. (Manitoba 150) is an independent, not-for-profit organization overseeing commemorative activities in celebration of our province, its beauty, people, culture, and history throughout 2020.

Manitoba 150 supports initiatives and events that cultivate pride in our province, foster a profound connection with our diverse cultures and, above all, unite us in celebration.

Additional information on Manitoba 150 can be found at www.Manitoba150.com.

Associated Links

Manitoba 150	https://manitoba150.com
Wall-to-Wall Mural & Culture Festival	https://walltowallwpg.com

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