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**WDBA AND THE ART GALLERY OF WINDSOR PARTNER TO LAUNCH *BRIDGE ARTISTS* EXHIBIT**

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**WINDSOR, ONTARIO** – A partnership between Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) and the Art Gallery of Windsor (AGW) that celebrates significant historical and cultural aspects of the region is launching this month with a unique art exhibition.

The *Bridge Artists* exhibit will feature a selection of drawings, paintings and textiles from the Anishinaabe artists Teresa Altman and Daisy White of Walpole Island First Nation and Naomi Peters of Caldwell First Nation who were commissioned to create the art murals displayed on the bridge tower forms at the Canadian project site in 2020. The artists' new works illustrate themes of nature, teaching, philosophy and cultural pride through paintings, drawings and textiles. A large-scale model of the Gordie Howe International Bridge is also showcased as part of the exhibit.

Over several years of community engagement, WDBA has heard the importance placed on acknowledging the region's multi-faceted past and present. The WDBA-AGW partnership creates opportunities to celebrate and recognize the rich culture and history of Windsor-Essex through community programming and small exhibits.

The *Bridge Artists* exhibit opens to the public on August 12, 2021. In addition to the physical exhibit, programming will include tours to small groups, general audience and targeted group presentations by the artists, a workshop series for youth led by Naomi Peters and Daisy White and co-presentations by AGW staff and the bridge project team to secondary and post-secondary schools.

Additional information on the exhibition and programming is available at [agw.ca](http://agw.ca).

**Quotes**

“As we deliver this new international gateway, the project team is continually inspired to reflect and recognize the region's rich cultural history through aesthetic features and community-based initiatives. WDBA is proud of this new partnership and opportunity to celebrate the area's Indigenous roots and talented local artists. We see this as a starting point for future collaboration.”

*Bryce Phillips, CEO, Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority*

“The Art Gallery of Windsor is thrilled to partner with Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority to present an exhibition of works by artists Teresa Altman and Daisy White of Walpole Island First Nation, and Naomi Peters of Caldwell First Nation. Now more than ever, we want to provide opportunities for people to experience and celebrate the work of Indigenous artists in our region.”

*Jennifer Matotek, Executive Director, Art Gallery of Windsor*

**Quick Facts:**

- The *Bridge Artists* exhibit will be open to the public from August 12, 2021, until January 2022. Programming information, admission costs and hours of operation are available on [agw.ca](http://agw.ca).
- In 2020, four artists from Walpole Island First Nation and Caldwell First Nation were selected to create murals for display at the Canadian bridge site as part of the project Community Benefits Plan. The six murals on the Canadian bridge tower climbing system recognize the international aspect of the project and share stories of history, culture, and diversity of the region.
- A 20-foot scale model of the Gordie Howe International Bridge project has been incorporated into the exhibition. This model highlights the intricate design details of the project and illustrates how the bridge and Canadian and US Ports of Entry work together to create a new border transportation system.
- The Gordie Howe International Bridge project team continues to meet with the community to discuss integration of additional cultural and historical recognition features into the project and associated community-based initiatives.

**Related Products:**

- [Fact Sheet: The \*Bridge Artists\* Exhibit and Programming](#)
- [Video: Meet the Artists](#)
- [Video: Building a Scale Model for the Gordie Howe International Bridge](#)

**About Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority**

Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority (WDBA) is a not-for-profit Canadian Crown corporation created to deliver the Gordie Howe International Bridge project between Windsor, ON and Detroit, MI through a public-private partnership (P3). WDBA is responsible for overseeing and managing the construction and operation of the new crossing. For more information visit [www.GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com](http://www.GordieHoweInternationalBridge.com) and follow the project on Twitter at [twitter.com/GordieHoweBrg](https://twitter.com/GordieHoweBrg).

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