

# Watercolourist to detail polar experiences Sunday

There's something about polar extremes that can grip the soul. Canadian watercolour painter David McEown will be presenting his own journeys around the Arctic Ocean and Antarctica at the Williams Mill on Sunday, March 16, from 2-3:30 p.m.

An entertaining digital show that merges paintings, video and photography from the ends of the earth, McEown chronicles his journey (by ski, sailboat and icebreaker) with stories of chance encounters with polar bears and emperor penguins, as well as reflections on an inner journey and the process of painting on location.

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McEown has used the medium of watercolour for the past 25 years to explore and express many of this earth's disappearing wilderness areas. He is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design, and is an elected member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (CSPWC), which in 2005 awarded him the society's prestigious A.J. Casson Medal. McEown recently served as the inaugural Mentor for the McMichael Canadian Art Collection's Art Mentorship program.

"David is one this country's finest

painters," says Marlene Madole (CSPWC), who is organizing the event as a fundraiser for the Williams Mill Visual Arts Centre (WMVAC). "It's like he's a spiritual descendant of the Group of Seven, except that he's providing a Canadian perspective on the far ends of the earth, instead of Canadian landscape, and he does it with watercolour, under difficult conditions. This is a rare opportunity to hear David speak."

Tickets are \$18, and available via email [marlenemadole@sympatico.ca](mailto:marlenemadole@sympatico.ca) or at The Williams Mill Gallery, Wed.-Sun. afternoons (905-873-8203).



David McEown painting in the Antarctica  
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