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Freedom questioned by *Urban Planner* at Robert Langen Gallery

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WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Gallery will host an exhibition of oil on canvas paintings titled *Urban Planner* from November 7 to 25. The public can meet artist Peter D. Harris at a reception in the gallery on Wednesday, November 8, from 4 to 5 p.m.

Harris addresses the concept of free will through his paintings, which are inhabited by babies and children, symbols of life cycles and science experiments, maps and diagrams. The resulting combination of figurative, symbolic and diagrammatical elements questions exactly how much control we have to plan our own lives.

"The show is an introspective, metaphorical look at my own suburban upbringing, and how the very beginnings of my life have affected the path that I am now on," says Harris. "The inevitability of being born, of ultimately having no choice of our family, gender, race or social or economic class, functions as the catalysts for my paintings."

Harris received a bachelor of arts degree in fine arts from the University of Waterloo in 1997. His work has appeared in exhibitions throughout Kitchener-Waterloo and in Toronto.

As Wilfrid Laurier University's visual arts centre since 1989, the Robert Langen Gallery provides knowledge, stewardship, appreciation and enjoyment of Canadian art and culture to the local community. The gallery is located in the John Aird Centre and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday and 12 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is free.