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Exhibition reveals the impact of pop culture on the general public

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WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Art Gallery will feature the works of artist Daryl Vocat in an exhibition entitled *The Translator's Conundrum*. The exhibit, which runs from October 18 to November 11, 2006, uses elements of literature and pop culture to explore the cultural and social ideologies that affect how we understand ourselves.

By collecting, interpreting and recombining information to examine how ideas are understood, this series of screen prints looks at old information in new ways, and examines the intersections between natural, cultural and social influences.

“*The Conundrum* asserts that art is a form of communication, and that a key element of creative practices is the act of translation,” explains Vocat. “Within the leap from self to other, from assertion to interpretation, behind the desire to communicate, lies the translator’s conundrum.”

Vocat completed his bachelor of fine arts degree at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, and his master of fine arts degree at York University in Toronto. He has exhibited extensively in Canada and the United States. Vocat’s solo exhibitions include: Open Studio, Toronto; SNAP gallery, Edmonton; Eastern Edge Gallery, St John's; James K. Bartleman Art Gallery, Elliot Lake and Malaspina Printmakers Gallery, Vancouver. His works will also be featured in an upcoming 2006 exhibition at The Project Room in the York Quay Gallery in Toronto.

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As Wilfrid Laurier University's visual arts centre since 1989, the Robert Langen Art 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 noon to 5 p.m. from Wednesdays to Saturdays. Admission is free.