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## **Exhibition explores fame and the farce of the entertainment industry**

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WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Art Gallery will feature the original artwork from the graphic novel *Bigg Time* by artist Ty Templeton, in an exhibition titled *Bigg Time Makes The Big Time*. The exhibit, which runs from Nov. 14 to Dec. 8, departs from Templeton’s mainstream comic/cartooning work and introduces viewers to the artistic phenomena of the graphic novel.

*Bigg Time* is subtitled as a farcical fable of fleeting fame. “It’s the satirical story of a homeless man who is suddenly able to see his guardian angel, and immediately learns how (deliberately) bad a job this angel has done and forces his angel to make him famous,” said Templeton. “It is the story of what it’s like to live with fame, and to live without it, in a world that seems to value it more than gold.”

Templeton has worked in the pop entertainment field as a writer, actor, musician and comedian, but the lion’s share of his energies has been spent creating North American comic books. Over the past 20 years, Templeton has written or drawn for a host of famous characters, including: Superman, Batman, Spider-Man, The Simpsons, the X-Men and many more, as well as creating his own characters and graphic novels. Templeton has won three Eisner Awards for his work on DC Comics’ *Batman Adventures* series.

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.