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Artist Ed Pien's work appears as if *From Thin Air*

WATERLOO – The Robert Langen Art Gallery is pleased to present the work of artist Ed Pien in an exhibition titled *From Thin Air*, which runs January 6 to February 13, 2010.

From Thin Air, conceived especially for the Robert Langen Art Gallery, incorporates video, sound and the play of light to create an engaging video installation that explores the relationship between visibility, invisibility and the Other. A series of projected images from various media sources are cast from suspended mirrors that float slowly around the space, and visitors to the gallery will see their own images reflected and intermingled with the existing projections.

Pien is a Toronto-based installation artist interested in belief systems and “ways of seeing the world.” His works range from drawings to paper-cuts to large-scale, mixed-media installations which often explore concepts of normality, preconceived notions of difference and the ways in which these perceptions can shift.

Pien received his BFA from the University of Western Ontario and his MFA from York University. His extensive exhibition history includes: the Drawing Centre, New York; La Biennale de Montreal; Centro Nacional de las Artes, Mexico City; The Goethe Institute, Berlin; and the National Art Gallery of Canada. Pien teaches part-time in the visual studies department at the University of Toronto.

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 Wednesday to Saturday. Admission is free.