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## Laurier Brantford gallery features local artist's "*Field of Dreams*"

BRANTFORD – Wilfrid Laurier University's Yellow Brick Wall exhibition space presents *Field of Dreams*, a mixed-media exhibition by Brantford artist Aaron Robbins, from Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, 2014.

Much of Robbins' work is based on his travel experiences, including across Canada where he experienced vast wilderness, deep forests and naturally inspiring adventures. He exploits the tonality and aura of the landscape, creating a journey for others. The paintings, through colour, movement and expression, create a sense of spirituality void of human presence.

"Although there is no human presence in the paintings, there is an aura of something happening, a moving spiritual presence," said Robbins. "It is my ambition to capture the moments in solitude, away from the distractions of modern life when your mind and soul are capable of being much more aware of God's presence and creative touch in all things."

Through the use of layering and original glazing techniques, Robbins produces two-dimensional paintings that actually become three-dimensional. The optical effect brings viewers closer to the work where they can see the intricacies and artistry, while creating a floating movement.

Robbins' work has been displayed in galleries across Canada and internationally since 1999, including British Columbia, Nevada, and New Zealand. He was recently awarded Juror's Choice Award and People's Choice Award at the 2014 Woodstock Art Gallery juried art show.

The Yellow Brick Wall plays a vital role in providing opportunities to appreciate and enjoy Canadian art for members of the Laurier community and beyond. The exhibition space adds to a growing list of venues in Brantford that feature the work of visual artists including Glenhyrst, The Station, Woodland Cultural Centre and the Brantford Arts Block. Established in February, 2014, The Yellow Brick Wall celebrates visual creativity in a space that will encourage dialogue and reflect the diversity and culture in the Brantford community.

The Yellow Brick Wall is located at 97 Dalhousie Street, Brantford. The exhibit is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact Jeanette Wilson at [jwilson@wlu.ca](mailto:jwilson@wlu.ca).

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