

New Curator At Latcham Gallery

By Chai Duncan

On Jan. 9 I took over the curatorial responsibilities at the Latcham Gallery. I am very excited to be joining this fantastic team with Roz, Rima and Jen and to have the opportunity to share contemporary Canadian art with people in our community.

My family and I have recently returned to Ontario from Lethbridge, Alberta where I was working in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Lethbridge. As well as being a curator and art educator, I am a practising artist working in a variety of media. I look forward to getting out and meeting people in the community.

My first task as curator was to install our current exhibition from Toronto artist Laura Millard entitled *Meltwater*. This is an engaging show consisting of large-scale photographs taken of the meltwater from the melting glaciers in the Columbia Icefield located between Banff and Lake Louise in Alberta.

Each of the 13 works has been thoughtfully modified by the artist by applying paint to the surface of the photo to accentuate and amplify the motion, light and time captured within the image. The effect is mesmerizing

as the eye dances between the illusory space of the photograph and its painted surface. *Meltwater* runs until Feb. 18.

The Latcham Gallery's first PA Day Art Workshop was a success. The kids spent the day painting and sculpting various art projects led by our education program coordinator Rima Puteris. After lunch, they visited the gallery and saw our current exhibition. Our next PA Day Workshop is on Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (drop off is from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.), for children ages 5 to 11.

Family Day is just around the corner and what better way to celebrate the holiday than making snow sculptures at The Latcham Gallery sculpture walk (weather permitting)? Drop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Feb. 20 to participate in our Free Family Day art activity.

Registration is now for March Break Art Camp Days. Draw, paint, create a collage and explore with an experienced art instructor. Sign up for one, two or all five days, which begin March 12. Each day will end with a different finished artwork.

To register call 905-640-8954, drop into the gallery

Chai Duncan is curator at The Latcham Gallery



Chai Duncan, who recently joined The Latcham Gallery as curator, stands beside one of Laura Millard's stunning photographs in the current *Meltwater* exhibition, which continues until Feb. 18.

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