

# T H E P O L Y G O N

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The Polygon Gallery Celebrates its First Anniversary with PAPER Gala & Art Auction

On Saturday, November 17, 2018 The Polygon Gallery celebrated the first anniversary of its new waterfront home in Lonsdale Quay with PAPER: First Anniversary Dinner and Auction.



Photo: Amy Romer, 2018

Twenty art works were auctioned, with proceeds supporting The Polygon's artistic programming. The auction featured a diverse selection of photography, painting and mixed-media with works spanning the early 20th century to present day. Highlights included contemporary works by established BC Artists: Scott McFarland, Gordon Smith, Ron Terada, Melvin Williams, and Paul Wong; as well as works by emerging and mid-career talents: Maegan Hill-Carroll, Tiziana La Melia, and Theo Terry.

Vancouver-based artist Kevin Schmidt premiered a site-specific installation during the event entitled *Reckless*, a multimedia display festooning the exterior of the gallery with colourful LED lighting accompanied by a soundtrack composed by the artist. Schmidt's photograph *Fog Study #2* (2004) opened the auction.

Swiss-based artist and book maker Batia Suter contributed one of the closing works for the auction, and is currently featured in a solo exhibition at The Polygon, *Parallel Encyclopedia Extended*.

The successful event welcomed 165 guests, raising \$250,000 that will help to sustain the upcoming year of exhibitions and educational programming in The Polygon's greatly expanded new space.

Co-Presenting Sponsors of PAPER were Quay Property Management and BMO Bank of Montreal.

"We are honoured and proud to be able to support our community. This is the first anniversary of many for The Polygon Gallery and we are excited to help support local artists as their Art enriches and helps unite us all," said Michael Bonner, Senior Vice President & Regional Head, BC & Yukon, BMO Bank of Montreal.

The Polygon Gallery Staff and Board extend their heartfelt thanks to the generous donors and sponsors, enthusiastic bidders, the artists and dealers who generously donated works, and the volunteers who helped to run the event. These contributions to the success of PAPER will enrich and support the Gallery's upcoming year of educational programs and exhibitions.

### Presenting Sponsors



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### About The Polygon Gallery

Known as Presentation House Gallery for four decades, The Polygon Gallery is considered one of Canada's most internationally acclaimed public art galleries. With a mandate to exhibit and disseminate photography and media art, the Gallery emphasizes contemporary Canadian artists within a context of historical and international art.

Nearly 30 years in the making, The Polygon Gallery's new purpose-built home, which opened its doors on November 18, 2017, is a landmark building situated on North Vancouver's waterfront designed by British Columbia's internationally lauded architectural firm, Patkau Architects, for the presentation of the preeminent art form of our age.

Admission always by donation, courtesy of BMO Financial Group.

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