

News Release

Art Gallery of St. Albert to immerse visitors in the beauty and fragility of Alberta's watershed

March 14, 2023, St. Albert, Alberta – The Art Gallery of St. Albert (part of the Arts and Heritage Foundation) is preparing for the launch of its newest exhibition meant to immerse visitors in the beauty and fragility of Alberta's watershed. ***Connected Currents*** opens to the public on **March 16 at 5 pm**, in the Gallery's main beautiful exhibition space inside St. Albert's historic downtown Banque d'Hochelaga building.

Connected Currents by Edmonton artist **Kelsey Stephenson** includes three related works, which trace water's passage as it flows across Alberta.

Suspended in the center of Gallery is ***Flux***, a series of twenty-seven silk panels, each three feet wide by nine feet tall. The images are of iconic locations that Stephenson photographed across the province, focusing on the water that flows out of the glaciers to feed into the Athabasca, Bow and North Saskatchewan Rivers. Scenes of Alberta's waterways flow across the panels and surround the viewer, emphasising how each of these sites are connected through water.

The exhibition's second work, ***Currents***, is monumental. Hundreds of works created using screen printing and cyanotype techniques are hung together to create a single constructed landscape, spanning over thirty-six feet long. The images include human activity along the rivers. Sites of industry, history and agriculture blend with views of seemingly wild spaces.

While *Flux* and *Currents* connect locations along the watershed separated by distance, the last series of individual works reconnect locations separated by time. Stephenson merges archival photographs from land surveys and early marketing brochures with the same view of the landscape today. Delicate and ghostly, these works drive home the dramatic changes that have taken place over the last century.

In this immersive exhibition, reflect on how Alberta's natural water systems have evolved, and leave inspired to help preserve them.

Visitors can experience *Connected Currents* until **April 27**.

- **In-person tour:** March 30 at 12 pm
- **Virtual tour:** April 5 at 12 pm on Facebook Live
- **Artist talk and reception:** April 6 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registrations can be made via the gallery's [exhibition web page](#).

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