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New Art Gallery of St. Albert exhibition provides a sensory experience of the wide-open prairies

January 29, 2024, St. Albert, Alberta – The Art Gallery of St. Albert (part of the Arts and Heritage Foundation) is launching its newest exhibition in the beautiful main gallery space on February 1. Time and Terrain - Connecting to Land and Sky by St. Albert artist Samantha Williams-Chapelsky is an exploration of emotional and sensory truths.

Bold, textural paintings showcase wide open spaces, vast moments of isolation and awe. For Williams-Chapelsky, it is the memory and emotional core of these places that guides her hand.

Each piece is inspired by a specific place Williams-Chapelsky has visited. These are places that provided her rest, retreat and space to breathe. They are landscapes that inspired feelings of connection, wonder and escape. And for Williams-Chapelsky, these emotional connections to landscape are universal, an experience shared by everyone who has found solace in the natural world.

Williams-Chapelsky's paintings blend land and sky into one another and are highly textured and vibrant. She is a master of her craft, and her confident, bold lines are carved and sculpted using a range of unconventional tools. Brilliant colours are filled with life, movement and immediacy.

"Her works freely capture the entire sensory experience of the wide-open prairies – the sweep of wind across the field, the cool bite of fall air, and a boundless sky," says Emily Baker, Curator of the Art Gallery of St. Albert. "People viewing this exhibition will feel welcomed into a space filled with the energy of the natural world."

Through the artists' vision, connect with a sense of place and feel welcomed to become lost in the wonder of the infinite.

Time and Terrain – Connecting to Land and Sky runs from February 1 to March 9.

• **In-person tour:** February 14 at noon

• Artist talk/reception: February 22 from 6-8 pm

• Virtual tour: February 27 at noon on Facebook Live

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