

Burnaby Art Gallery Committed to Higher Learning with Annual Arts Endowment Fund



BAG Director/Curator Ellen van Eijnsbergen congratulating SFU student Rachelle Tjahyana on receiving the
Volunteers of the Burnaby Art Gallery Award in Visual Arts Award for 2018

BURNABY, BC – For almost thirty years, donors have been joining the Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) in supporting students in arts education. Each year, a promising student in their third year in the Visual Arts major program at Simon Fraser University (SFU) is awarded the *Volunteers of the Burnaby Art Gallery Award in the Visual Arts*, an arts endowment fund first established at SFU in 1990 with a gift of \$10,000, donated by Burnaby Art Gallery volunteers. Since then, the BAG graciously relies on the generosity of individuals and the corporate community to support higher learning in the arts by donating to this annual fund. From \$10,000 in 1990, the fund has now grown to over \$38,000. Currently, awards of up to \$1900 are made annually from the income earned from the endowment fund.

Rachelle Tjahyana, now starting her fourth year in Visual Arts at SFU, is the successful recipient of the *Volunteers of the Burnaby Art Gallery Award in Visual Arts* for 2018. The Visual Arts Committee, comprised of tenure track faculty in Visual Arts, meet annually to nominate a student. The award is granted by the School for the Contemporary Arts Awards Committee at SFU each spring/summer with the funding going towards current and future studies.

Looking to complete dual degrees – a BFA in Visual Arts and BA in English – Tjahyana is planning on using the funds to further her educational goals for this upcoming 2018-2019 school year. “The award was a pleasant surprise; it helped me pay for my summer courses and allowed me to take engaging visual arts courses, such as Art and Text, where our class collaborated on creating a temporary public art installation for the Indian Summer Festival. It allowed me to take part in courses that expand the classroom boundaries and provided me opportunities to work with the community and public. This year is my final year in Visual Arts and I will be prepping for the upcoming grad show,” says Tjahyana.

After graduation, Tjahyana plans to continue with her own practice as a contemporary interdisciplinary artist, possibly renting a studio space with a colleague to make art and site specific installations, as well as continuing to write for publications. “I would love to combine my love for writing and literature with my art practice,” adds Tjahyana.

Education and learning are core values of the Burnaby Art Gallery. “The role that the BAG plays in the community is to advance the arts by providing spaces and opportunities for community members to gain a greater understanding of contemporary and historical visual art. We believe that education creates knowledge, and scholarship awards are an important tool to help students achieve their goals,” says Ellen van Eijnsbergen, BAG Director/Curator.

Donors who are interested in supporting SFU Visual Arts students by contributing to the *Volunteers of the Burnaby Art Gallery Award in Visual Arts* can contact Ellen van Eijnsbergen, Director/Curator at the Burnaby Art Gallery, for further information: 604-297-4426 or visit burnabyartgallery.ca to browse current donor and sponsorship opportunities.

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ABOUT THE BURNABY ART GALLERY

Since 1967, the Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) has been dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting a contemporary and historical visual art program by local, national and internationally recognized artists. The BAG acts as a leader in the collection, preservation and exhibition of artists who choose to work on paper—the only public art museum in Canada dedicated to works of art on paper. Through our collection and exhibition practices the BAG endeavours to represent the best and most promising Canadian artists. The BAG cares for and manages over 5,500 works of art in the City of Burnaby’s Permanent Art Collection.

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