

MEDIA RELEASE
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Joe Fafard: Retailles

June 24-August 28, 2016

Opening Reception: Thursday, June 23, 2016, 7-9pm - ARTIST IN ATTENDANCE



BURNABY, BC—The **Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG)** will present the touring show **Joe Fafard: *Retailles*** as its summer exhibition this year. Drawing from Fafard’s rural roots in Saskatchewan, the exhibition is a survey of 31 sculptures and 15 works on paper depicting prairie animals from the farm and field, with a selection of works produced from the 1990’s to 2013.

Retailles—French for scraps or trimming—focuses on Fafard’s exploration of the laser-cut process and his creative renderings

of its by-products. Not only referencing the act of removing the negative from positive space to create form, but also referring to the act of recycling these “out-cuts” to create new works.

ABOUT JOE FAFARD

Considered one of Canada’s leading visual artists, Fafard has been instrumental in raising the profile of both Saskatchewan and Canada on an international scale. Named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1981, he is most known for his sculptural portraits of neighbours, farm animals, wildlife and famous artists. Fafard grew up on in the French and Métis farming community of Ste. Marthe, Saskatchewan.

Organized by the Moose Jaw Museum & Art Gallery and Art Gallery of Swift Current, in partnership with the Burnaby Art Gallery, Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre, Strathcona County Art Gallery and Yukon Arts Centre. Curated by Jennifer McRorie and Kim Houghtaling.

Image credit: Joe Fafard, *Horse Diamond*, powder coated laser cut steel, 2015, 62.0 x 99.1 x 5.1 cm.
Photograph by Gary Robins.

RELATED EVENTS

Opening Reception | Thursday, June 23, 2016 | 7-9pm | FREE

Artist Talk & Reception | Saturday, June 25, 2016 | 2-5pm | FREE

Kidz Club Art Night | Thursday June 30, 2016: Animal Prints | 6:30-8:30pm | \$16 | 7-12 years old

In the BAG: Family Sundays

Sunday, July 10, 2016: Stamping Around | 1-4pm | FREE | All ages

Sunday, August 14, 2016: Paper Embossing | 1-4pm | FREE | All ages

No Horsing Around | August 15-19, 2016 | 2-4pm | \$75 | 19+

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High-resolution images are available upon request.

ABOUT THE BURNABY ART GALLERY

The Burnaby Art Gallery (BAG) is 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—we are the only art museum in British Columbia dedicated to works of art on paper. Through our collection

and exhibition practices the BAG endeavours to represent the best and most promising artists within the Canadian print culture community. The BAG cares for and manages over 5,000 works of art in the City of Burnaby's Permanent Art Collection.

For more information about the gallery's exhibitions, programs, and tours, call 604-297-4422 or visit www.burnabyartgallery.ca. Located in the beautiful surroundings of Deer Lake Park, the Burnaby Art Gallery is open Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am to 4:30pm and on Saturday and Sunday, 12noon to 5:00pm. Admission is by donation; suggested donation \$5. Parking is free.

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