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#### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **City of Burnaby Unveils New Public Art Sculptures *Evangeline* and *Bay B  b  * by Joe Fafard Saturday, September 10, 12noon Civic Square (Willingdon Avenue and Central Boulevard, Burnaby)**

Burnaby, BC-On the occasion of the Burnaby Public Library's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations at the Bob Prittie Metrotown Branch, Mayor Derek Corrigan will unveil a large-scale public art installation by acclaimed Canadian sculptor Joe Fafard, the newest addition to the City of Burnaby managed Permanent Public Art Collection. The ceremony will take place at Civic Square (Willingdon Avenue and Central Boulevard) at the south side of the library on Saturday, September 10, 12noon. Artist Joe Fafard will be in attendance.

The artwork *Evangeline* is a life-like rendition of an Appaloosa mare cast in bronze, funded as a joint partnership with the City of Burnaby and Polygon Homes. In addition, Fafard has promised the gift of *Bay B  b  *, a foal, also cast in bronze that will be displayed alongside *Evangeline*.

"The City of Burnaby is committed to enhancing the cultural life for the citizens of Burnaby as well as visitors to the city," says Mayor Derek Corrigan. "We are very pleased to work with local developer Polygon Homes to bring these iconic works by Joe Fafard to this public space."

Chairman of Polygon Homes and art collector Michael Audain says, "It is a vital part of contemporary community life to have public spaces that incorporate art and learning and Joe Fafard's sculptures provide a perfect complement to the services available at the public library. Polygon Homes is committed to working with the City of Burnaby to strengthen ties with the community through art projects such as this."

One of Canada's preeminent artists, Saskatchewan's Joe Fafard has been instrumental in raising the profile of both his home province 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 as well as famous artists. Fafard grew up in the French and *M  tis* farming community of Ste. Marthe, Saskatchewan.

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