



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

2021 Skeena Salmon Art Show Opens August 6th

*Terrace, Hazelton, and Smithers, BC*

The 2021 Skeena Salmon Art Show, an annual exhibition and sale, opens at the Terrace Art Gallery on August 6. The show is set to tour from there to Misty Rivers Arts Centre in Hazelton in September, and Smithers Art Gallery in October. The exhibition features artists from across the Skeena region and beyond, using a wide range of techniques, including: carving, painting, sculpture, photography, clay, jewelry, fabric, and more. Many pieces included in the show reflect on the future of salmon populations, and together their work celebrates salmon as a life sustaining species.

Skeena Salmon Arts Fest President, Dave Gordon says: "We are very excited for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Skeena Salmon Art Show. This exhibition unites communities across the northwest, showcasing our collective love for salmon." On the exhibition touring he states: "We are particularly excited about the extension of the show from Terrace to include Hazelton in September and Smithers in October. As sister communities along the Skeena, we rely on salmon to sustain our cultures and our natural environments. We very much look forward to seeing how artist communities will come together to celebrate salmon through art."

Many of the most talented and esteemed artists from across the watershed are participating in the 2021 show, among them are: Stan Bevan, Catherine Blackburn, Marie-Christine Claveau, Kristen McKay, Carly Nabess, Jamie Nole, Perry Rath, Alex and Michelle Stoney, and many more. The Art Show coincides with several new murals to be painted by regional artists in downtown Terrace.

There is a juried section of the exhibition where there is up to \$2000 in cash prizes available. This year's jury includes Mike Dangeli (Artist and Carver), Vanessa Gill (Art Teacher), and Theresa Schober (Nisga'a Museum Director and Curator). The public is invited to visit the exhibition and vote on their favourite piece. The artwork with the most votes will receive a People's Choice Award.

**For inquiries contact Dave Gordon (SSAF, President) at 250-638-0488, Madalen Benson (SSAF, Organizer) at 778-347-3385 or email ([skeenasalmonartfest@gmail.com](mailto:skeenasalmonartfest@gmail.com)).**

### **About Skeena Salmon Arts Fest**

Salmon are one of the main reasons many of us are here in the Skeena watershed, and are the foundation for many of our communities and cultures. Salmon inspire and sustain us. The Skeena Salmon Art Fest aims to celebrate salmon through art. We seek to beautify Skeena communities through public art initiatives, and raise awareness of salmon as the foundation of our cultures. Salmon build communities.

We are honoured to present our art show on the unceded territories of the Tsimshian, Gitxsan, and Witsuwit'en peoples.

Supported by the BC Arts Council, the Province of British Columbia, and the Government of Canada.

