



## WOODLAND CULTURAL CENTRE

### First Nations Art Exhibition celebrates 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Woodland Cultural Centre

(May 21 – July 25, 2010)

**BRANTFORD, May 12, 2010** – The Woodland Cultural Centre’s annual juried art exhibition **First Nations Art** celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (May 21 – July 25) of showcasing some of the best emerging and established First Nations artists across Canada.

Since the exhibition’s inception in 1975, the **First Nations Art** exhibition has provided a professional gallery space for First Nations artists to present their work. It was imperative during the 1970s to ensure that First Nations artists were getting recognized for their contribution to the contemporary arts in this country, and through this exhibition many artists have been presented in mainstream art galleries. Over the years this exhibition has presented a number of artists who went on to gain international recognition such as: Daphne Odjig, Norval Morrisseau, Jackson Beardy, and Kent Monkman.

For this year’s installment, **First Nations Art** will be displaying 58 artists’ works in a variety of mediums such as painting, photography, mixed media, textile arts, sculpture and pottery. A special opening night of the exhibition will take place on **May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM** in the Orientation Room of the Museum Building. The keynote address will be given by **Louise Profeit-LeBlanc**, the Aboriginal Arts Coordinator for the Aboriginal Arts Office at the Canada Council for the Arts. Authentic First Nations cuisine will be on hand during the opening night and is provided by Family Traditions.

Throughout the month of June, a number of artist talks and workshops will be presented in relation to the **First Nations Art** exhibition, with a lecture by renowned artist and curator **Richard Hill, Sr.** on **June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM** in the Orientation Room.

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