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Harbourfront Centre presents Visual Arts Exhibitions Spring 2017, opening April 29, 2017

TORONTO, ON (March 30, 2017) – Harbourfront Centre and the Scotiabank Contact Photography Festival are pleased to present the Visual Arts Exhibitions Spring 2017. Photographers **Johan Hallberg-Campbell**, **Joanne Ratajczak** and **Morris Lum** present three distinctive installations that reveal profound experiences captured from Vancouver to La Poile, and Ranklin Inlet to Whitehorse. All three exhibitions, *Coastal*, *Yukon Sketchbooks* and *Tong Yan Gaai* are part of CONTACT.

Exhibitions include:

- ***Coastal***: Photographer **Johan Hallberg-Campbell**'s on-going project to document Canada's coastlines is at the heart of this new installation of video and large-scale images. This exhibition was selected as part of CONTACT's Focus on Canada program for 2017. Curated by Pat Macaulay, Director, Visual Arts at Harbourfront Centre and Bonnie Rubenstein, Artistic Director, CONTACT, closing June 18.
- ***Yukon Sketchbooks***: Photo-based artist, **Joanne Ratajczak** drove from Toronto to the Yukon and captured the landscape and people of the North through a mix of photographs, drawings and sketches. Curated by Pat Macaulay, closing June 18.
- ***Tong Yan Gaai***: A record of **Morris Lum**'s journey with a large-format camera on a search for cultural memory and Chinese identity. Curated by Pat Macaulay, closing June 18th.

"Canada is an expansive country," explains Pat Macaulay. "All three of these photographers are attempting to capture a distinctive portion of the Canadian vista through their figurative and literal lenses." The public is invited to the **opening party** at Harbourfront Centre on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** from 6–10pm. The exhibitions are free to the public.

For additional information about Visual Arts Exhibitions Spring 2017, please visit harbourfrontcentre.com/visualarts/ or call 416-973-4000. For information about getting here, please visit harbourfrontcentre.com/gettinghere/.

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Harbourfront Centre is a Canadian charity operating the 10 prime acres of Toronto's central waterfront as a free and open public site. We celebrate the multiplicities of cultures that comprise Canada and enliven the city through the creative imaginations of artists from across the country and around the globe.

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CONTACT fosters and celebrates the art and profession of photography with an annual Festival in May and year-round programming in the CONTACT Gallery.

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