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**Iconic Canadian contemporary artist Gathie Falk
now on exhibition at Glenbow at The Edison**

Gathie Falk: Revelations showcases Falk's 60-year career in the arts

Calgary, AB – June 28, 2023 – For the first time in decades, the work of legendary Canadian artist Gathie Falk is on display in Calgary, at Glenbow at The Edison. Opening today and running until October 15, 2023, *Gathie Falk: Revelations* provides a glimpse into one of Canada's most creative minds of the 20th century. This exhibition explores Falk's expansive career, highlighting her work's incredible breadth and depth.

Falk is an experimental artist internationally known for exploring different art forms, including painting and ceramic sculpture; she is also a pioneer for installation and performance art in Canada. Finding uncommon beauty in ordinary objects, Falk transforms common items into art that sparks curiosity and whimsy. From stacks of fruit and men's shoes to flowers at the edge of a sidewalk to the night sky, Falk has created an extraordinary body of work.

At 95, Falk is one of Canada's most accomplished and beloved artists. She is a recipient of the Order of Canada, the Order of British Columbia and the Governor General's Award in Visual Arts, as well as the Audain Prize for Lifetime Achievement in the Visual Arts and the Gershon Iskowitz Prize.

"Glenbow is honoured to be presenting Falk's work," says Nicholas R. Bell, President & CEO, Glenbow. "Her practice has long been grounded in collaboration and community connection, and she has played a pivotal role in supporting artists on the West Coast since the 1960s. This project is deeply relevant for a national, contemporary audience."

Born in Manitoba to a Mennonite family that fled persecution in Russia following the 1917 revolution, Falk moved in her teens to Vancouver. There, following some factory work and a long stint as a teacher, she established herself as an expert practitioner in multiple media.

Gathie Falk: Revelations is organized and circulated by the McMichael Canadian Art Collection with support from the Government of Canada.

"Gathie Falk is one of those Canadian artists that defies easy description," says Sarah Milroy, Chief Curator, McMichael Canadian Art Collection. "An artist of rampant and unconventional creativity, she has expressed her wonder and pleasure in everyday life in a sustained career that spans more than half a century. Long may she reign!"

Gathie Falk: Revelations is at Glenbow at The Edison through to October 15, 2023. Free timed tickets are available on Glenbow's website and must be reserved in advance. The exhibition is open Wednesday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Gathie Falk working at Equinox Gallery in Vancouver, 2015.
Photo by: Equinox Gallery.



Gathie Falk working at her studio, 2021. Some of her most iconic works are the ceramic glazed fruits, which are individually handcrafted. Each piece is uniquely moulded, leaving an impression of her hand on each fruit. Photo by: Equinox Gallery.

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About Glenbow

Founded in 1966 as an independent, non-profit museum, archive, and gallery, Glenbow cares for an extraordinary collection of more than 250,000 works of art and historical belongings – from Canada and cultures around the world – on behalf of the people of Alberta. *Glenbow Reimagined* is a project to renovate the museum's nearly 50-year-old building and provide a vibrant, thriving cultural resource in the heart of Calgary, committed to expanding the accessibility and impact of arts and culture. Glenbow's main building is closed as it renovates to become the JR Shaw Centre for Arts & Culture. While renovations are underway, visitors can experience exhibitions at the museum's satellite gallery, Glenbow at The Edison.

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