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## ***Glenbow Reimagined* receives a \$1 million gift from local philanthropists George and Colleen Bezaire**

*Museum's third-floor exhibition gallery will be named The Bezaire Family Gallery*

**CALGARY – August 2, 2023** - Glenbow is excited to announce a feature gallery located on the third floor of the newly renovated museum will be named The Bezaire Family Gallery in honour of George and Colleen Bezaire's recent gift of \$1 million. Their support will help transform Glenbow into a destination for arts and culture, bringing people and communities together in an engaging space that inspires creativity and sparks cultural exchange and conversations.

"We are thrilled for George and Colleen's dedication in creating a vibrant arts community. They have been supporters of Glenbow since 2006 and have been instrumental in shaping the future of Calgary and its exceptional quality of life," says Nicholas R. Bell, President & CEO, Glenbow. "The Bezaire Family Gallery will enhance visitor experiences and present enriching stories that represent diverse voices and perspectives and span a wide range of mediums and artistic styles."

A community leader, George Bezaire served on Glenbow's Board of Governors from 2006 through 2016, and as Board Chair from 2009 to 2011. In 2017, he was inducted as a Glenbow Fellow for his outstanding contributions to humanities, arts, and science and for supporting the museum's work in the community.

The 6,400-square-foot exhibition space will be a rotating collection of art. "The exciting part of the third-floor naming is that the art will constantly change, just like in life," says Colleen. "George and I believe it is important to share the arts and to recognize artists and their work. We hope the new building will bring many visitors to Calgary who travel far and wide to visit Glenbow."

With the generous support from the Bezaires, three levels of government, the Shaw Family Foundation and generous museum supporters, Glenbow has raised over \$162 million to date. However, to sustain the future of Glenbow, additional community support is needed to enhance the facility, programming, exhibitions, activities, and events for years to come. Glenbow welcomes community contributions. To learn more about the *Glenbow Reimagined* campaign and to be a part of the transformation project, please visit [www.glenbow.org](http://www.glenbow.org).

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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 objects – from Canada and cultures around the world – on behalf of the people of Alberta. *Glenbow Reimagined* is a project to renovate the museum's 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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