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### **WAG'S BOARDER X EXHIBITION WINS CANADIAN MUSEUM ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Ottawa, May 13, 2021** – The Winnipeg Art Gallery's (WAG) interactive exhibit and exploration of Indigenous boarder culture, Boarder X, was awarded the prestigious Canadian Museums Association (CMA) Outstanding Achievement in Exhibitions award at this year's CMA Conference.

In addition to celebrating achievement, the CMA Awards uplift and inspire by helping set community benchmarks of excellence. All are awarded following a competitive process and peer review by a volunteer jury.

"The Winnipeg Art Gallery's Boarder X exhibit brings life to the museum by demonstrating and celebrating how art can be inclusive and transformative," said CMA Awards committee chair Benoît Légaré. "This touring exhibit celebrates Indigenous boarding culture and its connections with the environment – whether that be among the mountains, the waves, or urban landscapes".

Curated by Jaimie Isaac, WAG Curator of Indigenous and Contemporary Art, this travelling exhibit engages audiences with dialogues surrounding relationships with the land and how boarding culture impacts sovereignty, the environment, politics and nationhood.

Artists express themselves through paintings, weavings, fashion, sculpture and installation, photography, film and performance. Boarder X involves all aspects of the community in the gallery, even creating skate ramps at every venue and encouraging local skaters and youth to take part.

The exhibit is currently touring, set to open at the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre on May 27, 2021.

The CMA conference brings together hundreds of museum professionals from every region of the country. It was held exceptionally online this year from May 3 to May 13.

#### **For more information:**

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