



Happy 100th Birthday to Doris McCarthy! Celebrations for alumna's birthday begin

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OCAD University wishes alumna Doris McCarthy (AOCA, Drawing & Painting, 1930) an enormous 'Happy Birthday' as she celebrates 100 years today!

Born in Calgary, Alberta in 1910, McCarthy moved to Toronto with her family in 1913. While attending high school at Malvern Collegiate Institute, she began junior courses at OCAD University and upon graduating from high school, she attended OCAD full time. Some of her professors included Arthur Lismer, J.E.H. MacDonald, Emanuel Hahn and Yvonne McKague Housser.

A fearless artist and teacher, McCarthy has been recognized for her continuing contribution to Canada's artistic community as the recipient of The Order of Canada; The Order of Ontario; five Honorary Doctorates and an Honorary Fellowship from OCAD. In 1999, McCarthy was named the first Artist of Honour at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

In 2004, the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus opened



Doris McCarthy's Low Tide, P.E.I., 1986, oil on canvas, 60 x 84 inches,

the Doris McCarthy Gallery. In honour of her milestone birthday, McMichael Canadian Art Collection. the Gallery, with University of Toronto Art Centre (UTAC), has organized a comprehensive exhibition of her work: ***Roughing It in the Bush***, curated by Nancy Campbell. A catalogue featuring an essay by OCAD alumnus and faculty member John Scott (AOCA, Experimental Arts, 1976) and Campbell accompanies the exhibition. The exhibition is on now at the UTAC, until July 24.

Other exhibitions are being mounted to mark McCarthy's centennial, including at the MacLaren Art Centre and Wynick/Tuck Gallery. ***Canadian Art magazine's website*** features a comprehensive listing of exhibitions.

We at OCAD University and the OCAD University Alumni Association join Canada in wishing Doris a very happy birthday!

Recent media stories about Doris's contributions to Canadian art:

- ***Doris McCarthy: chameleon of the canvas*** by James Adams (*Globe and Mail*, July 3, 2010)
- ***Doris McCarthy exhibit speaks to the artist as lover of life*** by Murray White (*Toronto Star*, June 27, 2010)
- ***Artist Doris McCarthy turning 100 amid big show*** (CBC, June 19, 2010)

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