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The new look, the new name, the new exhibition

(Toronto, January 21, 2016) The Art Museum at the University of Toronto, composed of the two distinguished art galleries, the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery and the University of Toronto Art Centre, whose identities will be sustained within the larger institution, was launched with a new look at the opening of its inaugural exhibition, *Showroom*, on January 21, 2016. Together, the two galleries now comprise one of the largest university-based art museums in the country, and the second-largest, museum-standard visual art museum and collection in the city of Toronto.

“Building on the galleries’ exceptional record of achievements, we celebrate the Art Museum at the University of Toronto in its significantly expanded role,” said Barbara Fischer, Executive Director and Chief Curator. “Supporting the research and educational mission of the University, the Art Museum will become an ever more vital and meaningful cultural resource and destination in the city of Toronto, and internationally.”

The inaugural exhibition *Showroom*, curated by Sarah Robayo Sheridan, is a major survey exhibition of Toronto art that considers the dramatic changes brought about by a decade of rapid urban development. Offering a diverse spectrum of works by 48 artists, the exhibition is one of the most substantial reads of contemporary Toronto art to be presented in a public gallery in recent years. The artists in this exhibition turn our attention to the influence of lifestyle marketing in constructing the form and texture of the cityscape. By turns, critical, comedic and formal, the works deepen given knowledge of architecture, place, and the social order. This exhibition and related public programs sustain our engagement with developing Toronto art histories.

Featuring works by: Abbas Akhavan, Nadia Belerique, Jeff Bierk, Adrian Blackwell, Bill Burns, James Carl, Miles Collyer, Georgia Dickie, Ryan Ferko, Eric Glavin, Maggie Groat, Jesse Harris, Oliver Husain, Lili Huston-Herterich, Kelly Jazvac, Will Kwan, *Life of a Craphead*, Jimmy Limit, Corwyn Lund, Annie MacDonell, Vanessa Maltese, Kelly Mark, John Massey, Niall McClelland, Olia Mishchenko, Nick Ostoff, Roula Partheniou, Sandy

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Derek Sullivan, Margaux Williamson, Laurel Woodcock, VSVSVS.

Public Programs

Part I: Performance series curated by Life of a Craphead

Camille Turner, Marlo Yarlo, Sebastian Butt & Charlie Murray
Saturday, February 6 at 2:00 pm, University of Toronto Art Centre

Curatorial Tour

Thursday, February 11 at 6:00 pm, University of Toronto Art Centre

Art and Artists in Toronto

Panel discussion featuring Barbara Fischer, Luis Jacob and Sarah
Robayo Sheridan
Wednesday, February 24 at 6:00 pm, South Dining Room, Hart House

Part II: Performance series curated by Life of a Craphead

Zoe Solomon, Liz Peterson, Randy Gagne
Saturday, March 5 at 2:00 pm, University of Toronto art Centre

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The Art Museum's new website will be live in May 2016; until then please visit www.jmbgallery.ca for the Art Museum's current and upcoming exhibition and public program information.

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