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**THE VANCOUVER MUSEUM PRESENTS
"CONTEMPORARY CRAFT IN BC: EXCELLENCE WITHIN DIVERSITY"
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CRAFTS ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

In Short...The Vancouver Museum presents **The Crafts Association of British Columbia's** latest exhibition, **Contemporary Craft in BC: Excellence Within Diversity**, with pieces from over 90 fine craft artisans at the **Vancouver Museum**, located at **1100 Chestnut Street** by Vanier Park, from **February 7 to April 6**. Tickets available at the door. **Information:** www.vanmuseum.bc.ca or www.cabc.net.

In Full...The Vancouver Museum invites you to experience contemporary craft in the Craft Association of British Columbia's (CABC) newest exhibition, *Contemporary Craft in BC: Excellence within Diversity*, presented at the Museum from February 7 to April 6. Celebrate the diversity of over ninety BC artisans using mediums of fibre, glass, wood, metal, ceramic and mixed media to create vibrant pieces with West Coast flair.

"This is the largest fine craft exhibition in British Columbia that features a broad range of mediums and artists," said Yvonne Chui, CABC Executive Director. "*Excellence within Diversity* celebrates the technical skill and creative excellence required by the craft makers to create pieces that are a combination of function and aesthetics. Some of our artists are people who have had previous careers as doctors, nurses, teachers and engineers or recent graduates of art and design colleges and have been drawn to become craft artists to express and comment on identity, place and social issues. Craft is all around us and has been produced for centuries. The exhibit celebrates how ordinary objects made by hand can be extraordinary."

Artists featured in the exhibit are inspired by the natural environment, cultures around the world, current events, science, history and architecture. This exhibit promises to be filled with unique, one-of-a-kind pieces created by makers who have reached the peak of their creative skills. Photographs are available of the exhibit pieces and an e-catalogue will be available by February 7 at www.cabc.net.

The exhibit is open during regular Vancouver Museum hours: **TUESDAY through SUNDAY, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, THURSDAYS 10:00 am - 9:00 pm, Closed MONDAYS**. Tickets are available at the Vancouver Museum, 1100 Chestnut Street in Vanier Park. General admission is \$11, students and seniors \$9, youth \$7, and children's admission is Free. For more information visit www.vanmuseum.bc.ca or www.cabc.net.

Events at the Vancouver Museum for *Excellence within Diversity* are as follows:

- **February 1st, from 7pm to 9:30pm, ExtraOrdinary Gala Celebration**, with emcee Sheryl MacKay from CBC's Radio One's North by Northwest. Tickets are \$50 available through the CABC 687-6511 or email craft2007@cabc.net. Funds raised support the CABC's commitment to provide exhibitions, opportunities and educational programs for craft makers and the public.
- **February 7th from 7pm-9pm, Private Opening Reception** for artists and invited guests.

Upcoming:

- **Green is the New Black Wearable Art Fashion Show**, presented by the Vancouver Guild of Fibre Arts, **Sunday, March 30th at 2:30pm**. For tickets contact the fibreEssence Gallery at www.fibreessence.ca or 604-738-1282, or the Vancouver Guild of Fibre Arts at www.vgfa.org.