



## Ensemble 2019 Exhibition & Sale opens at The ACT Art Gallery

Featuring small ensembles of art and fine craft in a broad range of mediums

**Exhibition Dates:** Saturday, November 2 – Thursday, December 19, 2019  
**Opening Reception:** Saturday, November 2, 2–4 pm (free)  
**Gallery hours:** Tuesday – Saturday, 11am-4pm and selected evenings  
**Location:** The ACT Art Gallery, 11944 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, BC, V2X 6G1

**Maple Ridge, BC, October 22, 2019** – The ACT Art Gallery will soon be taking delivery of some 30 special packages – all destined to have their own space in the gallery when the Ensemble Exhibition & Sale opens on Saturday, November 2 at 2pm sharp.

Now in its 10th year, Ensemble has attracted a growing legion of artists and patrons over the years, as its well-established formula seems to resound with renewed success each time the show is mounted. For this exhibition, artists from anywhere in the province are invited to submit small ensembles of their artwork, which is judged by its quality and adherence to the rules governing size, number of pieces and thematic strength – in other words, the ensemble of work must represent a cohesive collection of artwork related by size, content, presentation and medium.

It is no accident the exhibition and sale opens to coincide with the winter holiday season, when visitors may be most likely to be thinking of gifts for friends or family. What makes this show even more amenable to holiday shopping is the abundance of style, mediums and other forms of expression. The modest price of many of the artworks also broadens the playing field, as new collectors of all ages discover that buying artwork is more accessible than they had previously thought.

The Gallery Shop will be decked out with a nod to the evolving holiday season. Shoppers are advised to make their purchases early, though, as the shop is sometimes challenged with unforeseen supply challenges amongst the artisans and small business featured in the space.

Seasonal shopping aside, everyone is welcome to Ensemble 2019, as we celebrate inclusiveness, accessibility and art of every persuasion!

### About The ACT Art Gallery

*The ACT Art Gallery, is located inside The ACT Art Centre, and operated by the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council. In fulfilling its mission to broaden and enrich the public's appreciation and understanding of visual culture, it presents stimulating and diverse displays of artwork by local, regional and national artists and artisans. The public are also invited to participate in talks, workshops and other presentations that are held in the gallery on a regular basis. Visitors are welcome to visit the gallery at no charge from Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 11am to 4pm, as well as on selected evenings to coincide with theatre performances. Please visit us at [www.theactmapleridge.org/gallery](http://www.theactmapleridge.org/gallery)*

The ACT Arts Centre gratefully acknowledges the generous support of Morningstar Homes in supporting the 2019/20 season.

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Interviews are available with local artist and Ensemble 2019 participant Sarah Still, whose illustrative work is featured on a recent stamp issued by Canada Post (details [here](#)). Sarah can be reached at 604-727-7237 or [info@sarahstill.com](mailto:info@sarahstill.com).

PHOTO CAPTION: *The Bandit*, Sarah Still, Acrylic on wood, 2019, 12 x 12". Additional images featuring work by Sarah Still are available by request.

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