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AUDAIN DISTINGUISHED ARTIST-IN- RESIDENCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED AT EMILY CARR

Vancouver, CAN, February 23, 2012 | Emily Carr University of Art and Design is pleased to announce the newly created Audain Distinguished Artist-in-Residence Program, made possible by BC arts philanthropist Michael Audain and the Audain Foundation for the Visual Arts. The Program will bring the world's leading contemporary artists to live and work in Vancouver for a period of one to three months.

The Audain Distinguished Artist-in-Residence Program will encourage experimentation, dialogue and interdisciplinary work across all of the major visual art disciplines at Emily Carr, and will seek to build collaborations, new work, and cultural events that bridge the local, national, and international arts communities. The Program will provide support for two artists per year including living and travel expenses, support for production costs, exhibitions and honoraria.

"Michael Audain is one of Canada's most important visual arts advocates," says Dr. Ron Burnett, President and Vice-Chancellor, Emily Carr University of Art and Design. "We're deeply honoured by his generosity and look forward to this unparalleled opportunity to educate and engage our learning community."

"Emily Carr is recognized as one of the top art and design schools in the world with an impressive list of talented alumni," says Michael Audain. "This gift to the University will hopefully benefit and inspire not only students and faculty, but Vancouver's entire arts community."

The University has enjoyed an ongoing relationship with Mr. Audain and the Audain Foundation for Visual Arts, both of whom are dedicated to raising awareness of and garnering support for Canada's artists. Michael Audain is the chairman of Polygon Homes Ltd., one of BC's leading home builders. He currently serves as Chair of the Vancouver Art Gallery Foundation, the Audain Foundation for the Visual Arts, and the National Gallery of Canada. Awarded three honorary doctorate degrees, he is an officer of the Order of Canada and a member of the Order of British Columbia.

The inaugural residency will begin in the Spring 2013.



About Emily Carr University of Art + Design

Emily Carr University of Art + Design, established in 1925, is a world leader in education and research. Encouraging experimentation at the intersection of art, design, media and technology, our learning community merges research, critical theory and studio practice in an interdisciplinary environment. Alumni and faculty are internationally recognized as award-winning creators and thought leaders who have enormous impact on both the cultural sector and economy. We engage students, industry, and society to continuously explore and think differently about creativity and how it shapes our world. Find out more at ecuad.ca.

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