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## **ALUMNA REBECCA BREWER NAMED NATIONAL WINNER OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RBC CANADIAN PAINTING COMPETITION**

### Becomes Fifth Alumni in Seven Years to Be Awarded Prestigious Honour

**VANCOUVER, BC** | Emily Carr University of Art + Design alumna Rebecca Brewer (2007) has been named the national winner of the distinguished \$25,000 RBC Canadian Painting Competition for her work, *Beuys painting*. Brewer's work was selected from over 500 entries submitted by artists across the country.

Jurors also awarded alumna Deirdre McAdams (2008) one of two \$15,000 honourable mentions for her work *Blotto*. This is the first time alumni have won both first place and honourable mention in the same year.

"To have not one, but two of our successful painting alumni place within the top echelon of the awards is an accomplishment," says Dr. Ron Burnett, President + Vice-Chancellor, Emily Carr University of Art and Design. "Emily Carr has been in the business of cultivating creativity for close to a century and awards of this caliber are a testimony to the impact of our talented alumni."

The RBC Canadian Painting Competition provides artists with an opportunity to showcase their work to the community at large and gives the public a view of what is current in contemporary painting across the country. Along with past winners, Brewer's painting will become part of RBC's Canadian art collection, composed of more than 4,000 works of distinguished art collected over the past hundred years.

The work of all 15 finalists is currently exhibited at the Art Gallery of Alberta. The paintings will then travel to Ontario where they will be displayed at the Art Gallery of Hamilton October 19 - November 3, followed by an exhibition at the Power Plant in Toronto, November 12 - 19, 2011.

Previous alumni winners include Brenda Draney in 2009, Jeremy Hof in 2008, Arabella Campbell in 2007, and Etienne Zack in 2005.

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