EMILY CARR INSTITUTE RENAMES MEDIA GALLERY IN HONOUR OF ABRAHAM J. ROGATNICK

VANCOUVER, BC - Emily Carr Institute (ECI) is pleased to announce that the Emily Carr Institute Media Gallery will be named the Abraham J. Rogatnick Media Gallery, November 27, 2007, to honour and acknowledge Rogatnick’s contributions to the school and the arts.

Abraham Rogatnick’s involvement with the Vancouver School of Art/Emily Carr Institute of Art + Design spans five decades. Upon arriving in Vancouver in the early 1950’s Abraham, and colleague Alvin Balkind established the “New Design Gallery,” the first fully active and long-lasting commercial gallery for contemporary art in Vancouver.

Abraham was one of the founders of the Arts Club of Vancouver which carried out a notable program of lectures, concerts, dramatic presentations and other events, and which later evolved into the present Arts Club Theatre.

In 1974/75 he held the distinguished position of Interim Director of the Vancouver Art Gallery. As a Teacher of Architecture, Abraham has had a distinguished career. In 1975, the University of British Columbia awarded him the UBC Master Teacher Award.

In retirement, Abraham has continued his role of arts advocate, orator, philanthropist and inspirational teacher and lecturer. In 1999, Emily Carr Institute recognized his outstanding contributions to education, architecture, and arts and culture by awarding him an Honorary Doctorate.

Abraham J. Rogatnick, B.A. (Cum Laude), Harvard College; M.Arch., Harvard Graduate School of Design; D. Litt. (Hon.) ECI

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