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RMG Exposed draws a record number of submissions and announces photography finalists for auction

RMG Exposed is an annual juried photography auction and fundraising event for The Robert McLaughlin Gallery. It is an opportunity for emerging and established photographers to gain recognition for their work. The annual event returns on **November 12, 2016, from 7-10pm** and raises funds for the RMG's educational and community outreach programming.

This year, The RMG received 488 submissions from artists across Canada. The jury of photographic professionals included Mary Ellen McQuay, Blake Fitzpatrick and Natalie Spagnol. They were responsible for reviewing the submissions and determining the final 40. To view the finalists, please visit rmgexposed.ca/silent-auction-2016/.

The jury will award prizes for each category of photography. The best overall submission will receive the Emerging Photographer award, including a solo exhibition at the RMG in Spring 2017 during the Contact Photography Festival. Other prizes include cash, gift cards and portfolio reviews awards of up to \$300 in various categories such as Photojournalism, Architecture, Landscape, Conceptual, Youth and Community Choice. The winners will be announced during RMG Exposed. The RMG is grateful to our sponsors and partners for their continued support of RMG.

The selected photographs will be available during the event in both the live and silent auctions and graciously donated by the artists, who will attend RMG Exposed. "Join us! RMG Exposed is a wonderful evening of celebration that connects artists and the community," said Donna Raetsen-Kemp, CEO of the RMG, "RMG Exposed shines a bright light the art of photography throughout Durham Region and gives the community a chance to attend an exciting art event close to home."

Please join us in supporting the RMG and the artists in our community on November 12, 2016 at RMG Exposed. Take advantage of our early-bird ticket pricing! General admission tickets purchased before October 1 are only \$50 each. After October 1, General admission tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased online or from the RMG reception desk during operating hours. Student tickets will be available for purchase at \$30 each. These are only available at the RMG reception desk and must be purchased with valid student identification. Tickets include entry to the event on November 12 from 7-10pm, the opportunity to bid on photographs in the live and silent auctions, entertainment, canapés and bar. For further information and tickets, please visit rmgexposed.ca

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Directions: From Toronto, 401 E to Oshawa, exit Simcoe St, North to Bagot St. Turn left at Bagot, 2 blocks to Gallery.

Gallery Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Thursday: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Saturday: 10am – 4pm; Sunday: 12 pm- 4:00 pm. Admission by donation. Parking available. Accessible location.