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The Robert McLaughlin Gallery presents *Ray Mead: Abstraction Through Line*

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Curated by Linda Jansma

10 October, 2015 - 24 January, 2016

Opening: RMG Friday, 4 December, 7-10pm

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition showcasing the drawing of the estate of Painters Eleven member Ray Mead. The exhibition *Ray Mead: Abstraction Through Line* was curated from the RMG's extensive collection of over 500 drawings, and is presented alongside the exhibition *A Matter of Abstraction: Collection Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal*. It focuses on Mead's abstract drawings: the quick lines and the simple gestures that reveal both a mastery of the medium, as well as confidence that is shown through both the most minimal and complex of compositions.

With the cross-pollination of ideas within Painters Eleven, Mead's work was liberated from previous formalism, becoming both more lyrical and painterly. In 1958, Mead moved to Montreal, and became associated, through his gallerist Denyse Delrue, with Quebec abstractionists Guido Molinari and Claude Tousignant. His later work became more simplified, relying on line and flat areas of colour.

The drawings from the estate collection range from portrait and figure sketches to abstract works. The latter include sheets with notations that indicate that they are sketches to eventually become finished paintings, and drawings that are seen as complete in themselves.

Ray Mead: Abstraction Through Line is curated by the RMG's Senior Curator, Linda Jansma. Please join us and celebrate the exhibition at RMG Fridays on 4 December from 7-10pm.

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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 & Sunday: 12 noon - 4:00 pm. Admission by donation. Parking available. Accessible location.