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Landon Mackenzie Honoured with Governor General's Award for Visual Arts

ALUMNUS GLENN LEWIS ALSO HONOURED

VANCOUVER, CANADA – Emily Carr University Professor Landon Mackenzie has been honoured with a Governor General's Award for the Visual Arts. An abstract painter whose monumental canvasses provoke new considerations of time, space and motion, Mackenzie's work is collected in prestigious museums across the country, including the National Gallery of Canada, Montreal's Museum of Fine Arts, and the Vancouver Art Gallery. Mackenzie has been a member of Emily Carr University's visual arts faculty since 1986, where she has played a pivotal role in the development of the University's studio program.

"Mackenzie's imaginative remapping of Canada and has become a template for the outer realms of our imagination. Her work inspires our minds and her contributions to our community inspire our souls," said artist Jennifer Lefort who nominated Mackenzie for the award.

"I am honoured to be among so many talented colleagues in receiving this award," said Mackenzie, "I have been privileged to have a significant career making art in Canada with tremendous support and intellectual dialogue through Emily Carr University."

Mackenzie's work has been shown in more than 100 exhibitions across Canada and around the world.

In addition to her studio work and exhibitions, recently Professor Mackenzie, in collaboration with noted painter and colleague Ben Reeves, conceived the colour palette and the placement of coloured spandrel glass across the exterior of the University's new campus, reflecting and honouring the work of the renowned BC painter Emily Carr (1871-1945).

Alumnus Glenn Lewis (1958) is also one of the eight Governor General's Award laureates honoured this year.

Founded as the Vancouver School of Art in 1925, Emily Carr University of Art + Design is the only specialized public post-secondary institution in British Columbia offering programs in visual arts, media arts and design exclusively – one of only four such institutions in Canada. Noted alumni include: artists Roy Arden, Douglas Coupland, Stan Douglas, Geoffrey Farmer, Brian Jungen, Terence Koh, Liz Magor, Jeremy Shaw, Stephen Shearer and Renee Van Halm; filmmakers Ann Marie Fleming and Phillip Borsos, and many other renowned artists, designers, and media practitioners. A new campus for the University opens in September 2017.

Images attached:

Landon Mackenzie, "Simulator Neurostar", oil on linen. 220 x 300 cm, 2012. Currently exhibited at Emily Carr University.

Landon Mackenzie, "The Big Pink Sky", painting, Collection of the Vancouver Art Gallery, 2014.
Photograph: Rodney Konopaki.

Portrait of Landon Mackenzie, 2009.

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