

## News Release

### Downtown Fredericton Galleries to host 'Culture Crawl' Evenings

June 27, 2006 – Downtown Fredericton galleries are celebrating world-class sculpture this summer by hosting two special 'Culture Crawl' evenings. Nine locations displaying art and sculpture will be open from 5 – 9pm with free admission on July 13 and August 10.

“We are hoping people will decide to make a night of it and explore all the great art and sculptures in the downtown, and then drop into a restaurant or coffee shop to discuss it over dinner, drinks or dessert,” said Amy Wood, marketing director for Downtown Fredericton Inc.

Downtown Fredericton Inc. and the City of Fredericton's Heritage & Cultural Affairs Division are co-sponsoring the events.

“We developed the 'Culture Crawl' concept to celebrate the two major sculpture exhibitions going on this summer and to highlight the galleries which have opened in downtown Fredericton recently,” said Angela Watson, Cultural Development Officer with the City of Fredericton. “We are inviting everyone to drop into our galleries and enjoy great sculptures, fine art, food, music and fun!”

Rodin's massive sensuous human figures are at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and Gerald Beaulieu's contemporary pop culture superheroes will be on exhibition both inside Gallery Connexion and at three other outside locations along King and Queen Sts. in downtown Fredericton.

People are invited to start at any of the nine locations which include: Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Gallery 78, Charlotte St. Arts Centre, the Gallery at NB College of Craft & Design, Gallery Connexion, City Hall Gallery, Ingrid Mueller Art + Concepts, York Sunbury Museum and the Fredericton Arts Alliance Artist-in-Residences in the Soldiers Barracks.

Each location will feature something special such as live music, food, or refreshments. Some galleries will have artists on hand to discuss their work if asked and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery will be offering guided tours of the Rodin exhibition.

“We are hoping to make this a regular event and perhaps have a monthly ‘gallery hop’ where all the galleries would open their doors at the same time on the same night and show their latest exhibitions,” said Watson.

Three new galleries have opened in Downtown Fredericton in the past six months, adding to the established Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Gallery 78 and Gallery Connexion.

Ingrid Mueller Art + Concepts opened at 117 York Street and features contemporary art by Atlantic Canadian artists.

The Gallery at the NB College of Craft & Design is a contemporary art space showcasing emerging and established art, fine craft and the diversity of mediums taught at the college.

Fredericton City Hall has opened a Gallery providing a high profile location for people to see art as they visit City Hall.

There are nine official stops listed in the Culture Crawl brochure, but people will discover other great cultural spots along the way. Botinicals, Bejewel, and Sue Lawrence Spa & Gallery all showcase local & regional fine craft. The Playhouse side galleries are another great place to see local emerging art. Some restaurants downtown such as the Blue Door and the Palate have also incorporated local art into the décor.

Culture Crawl brochures with a map are available at all participating locations and at the Fredericton Visitor Information Centre at City Hall. For more information call 460-2411 or visit [www.downtownfredericton.ca](http://www.downtownfredericton.ca)

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