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Commissioned Artworks Nearing Completion

July 22, 2010 Deer Lake, NL Artwork commissioned by the Deer Lake Regional Airport is nearing completion and is expected to be installed in the Air Terminal Building within the next few weeks. The artwork was commissioned following an open proposal call to artists in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Following a review of a range of artworks by fifteen different artists, the Airport Authority selected pieces by Diana Dabinett and Urve Manuel. The commissioning was awarded to these two artists in late March and installation will be completed by mid-August.

The artwork commissioned by Pouch Cove artist Diana Dabinett consists of two large paintings in bright acrylic colours. These two paintings depict the provinces environment; one is representative of the “Land” and the other portrays the “Sea”. The commissioning by local artist Urve Manuel will consist of a glass installation entitled “Coming & Going”. The glass work will feature glass salmon and codfish swimming in water and will be attached to a large net made of copper bar.

Airport CEO, Jamie Schwartz is excited as the installation draws nearer. “We were thrilled with the quality of all the submissions”, said Schwartz. “When we began this process we had intended to commission only one work, however, the Board members were so impressed with the artworks we decided to award commissions to two artists simultaneously”, added Schwartz.

Todd Lee, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Airport Authority, was equally enthusiastic about the artwork. “This artwork is representative of the Province’s culture and land and sea-scape and will be an attractive addition to our facility”, said Lee.

The airport provides regular or seasonal domestic passenger service with several different airlines including Air Canada, Provincial Airlines, Sunwing and WestJet.

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