



INFORMATION BULLETIN

New art exhibition by the City’s 2021 “Artist in Residence” opens April 7.

ABBOTSFORD – March 18, 2022 – The City of Abbotsford, in partnership with the Abbotsford Arts Council, is proud to present a new art exhibition showcasing the works of Zaira Ramirez Luis, the City’s Go Play Outside’s 2021 Artist in Residence.

The exhibit, titled “Devotion to Nature”, features paintings, ceramics and assemblages inspired by conversations Ramirez Luis had throughout last summer with Abbotsford residents about their interactions with local birds. Finding many people were concerned about reduced green space and natural areas, Ramirez Luis created a series of paintings portraying these worries. In response, she also created a collection of pieces depicting nature’s generosity.

The exhibit also explores concerns about the city, nostalgia, and current events from both before and after her experience in the Go Play Outside Artist in Residence program. Her artwork is intended to encourage viewers to value and conserve greenspaces that beautify the City.

“Devotion to Nature” will be on display at the Kariton Art Gallery, 2387 Ware Street, from April 7 to 23.

To learn more about the artist and the exhibition visit www.abbotsfordartscouncil.com/devotion-to-nature/.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Abbotsford’s Go Play Outside Artist in Residence Program is a partnership with the Abbotsford Arts Council and seeks to support local culture and encourage thoughtful dialogue by facilitating an artist residency at the City’s Parks, Recreation and Culture’s Go Play Outside pop-up events throughout the summer. The goal is to enhance community connectedness while providing opportunities for recreating and experiencing culture outdoors.

To learn more about the City of Abbotsford’s Artist in Residence program, visit www.abbotsford.ca/artist-residence.

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