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## **Kingston Arts Council launches UNIT 115, a new community exhibition space**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is proud to announce the launch of UNIT 115, a free, inclusive and flexible exhibition space situated in the KAC office at the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning. The newly-created space has approximately 25 ft of wall space, 124 ft of floor space, plus space for tables and plinths. The opportunity to exhibit is open to artists (professional, emerging, students, etc), arts and culture organizations and collectives.

The overall goal of the space is to encourage new connections between artists and the broader community. UNIT 115 showcases and celebrates the breadth of artists living and working in Kingston and deepens the awareness and appreciation of the arts.

“UNIT 115 first and foremost is a celebration and recognition of the arts in Kingston, but its development also reflects a conversation we’ve been having with the community about art spaces in the area,” says Danika Lochhead, Executive Director, Kingston Arts Council. “We’re looking forward to showcasing artists of all levels and disciplines in UNIT 115 and contribute to the conversation around what types of spaces the arts community needs.”

“We also wanted to make the best use of our beautiful space at the Tett Centre. We’ve been working on updating our workspace to be open and accessible, a place where artists and community members stop by, ask questions, and inquire about resources or programs. Having a designated space devoted to displaying local artwork was a natural next step. It’s been amazing to see the positive feedback so far and I’m excited to see this grow,” Lochhead concludes.

### **What’s on at UNIT 115**

The artists currently featured at UNIT 115 are Lori Richards and Jane Colden. Jane Colden is a textile artist turned painter, whose fibre art background heavily influences her work, especially with respect to the layering of colours and the interweaving of lines in her work. Lori Richards is a painter who

experiments with colour and media, keeping landscapes at the centre of her creative practice. Stop by UNIT 115 before March 31 to check out the space and view the exhibit.

#### **UNIT 115 Submission Process**

Submissions will be accepted on an ongoing basis, however, there will be two submission deadlines per year. The first deadline is **1 March 2017**. Applications will be reviewed and scheduled by KAC staff after the established deadline. To submit a proposal please send a completed application form to [info@artskingston.ca](mailto:info@artskingston.ca). Details on the application process are available on our [website](#).

#### **About the Kingston Arts Council**

The [Kingston Arts Council](#) (KAC) is the region's primary arts information resource, advocating for and supporting artists while fostering community. As a funder, the KAC administers the City of Kingston Arts Fund and the Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development.

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