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**Art Exhibition at Canada Place Commemorates Canadian Forces
and Remembers Soldiers Lost in War**

*Screening for the public from Nov 1 to Nov 30, "11 Artists for 11/11" features
artwork by Canadian artists documenting Canadian Forces in theatre*

October 30, 2012 – Vancouver, BC – Canada Place Corporation is pleased to announce the November 1st public launch of "11 Artists for 11/11". The exhibition is part of *Digital Canvas*, a series of on-screen art exhibitions at Canada Place. This unique exhibit features Canadian Forces Artists Program (CFAP) participants from across the country, pays homage to the sacrifices of serving and retired members of the Canadian Forces and honours their contributions to missions at home and abroad.

Since the First World War, Canada's war art programs have allowed hundreds of Canadian artists the opportunity to record Canada's presence in theatres of operation around the world. CFAP continues this important tradition by providing artists from across our nation the opportunity to capture the daily operations and personnel of the Canadian Forces in locations as far as Afghanistan to Europe, and as near as bases across Canada, including the high arctic. CFAP welcomes painters, sculptors and photographers as well as other professional artists such as musicians, actors and writers.

"What makes these works so unique and important to Canadian military history is that they depict images from the front lines as seen through the eyes of each individual artist," said the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of National Defence. "These raw and stunning renditions bring home to Canadians the spirit of our soldiers, sailors and airmen and airwomen and the sacrifices they make every day. These artworks provide Canadians with a truly special record of remembrance — lest we forget."

"Canada Place has a strong relationship with the Canadian Forces, especially for annual Remembrance Day observances. We are honoured to highlight these art pieces on *Canada's Storyboard*, our twenty-four foot high-definition digital screen. This is our way to showcase *Inspirationally Canadian* cultural works and recognize the tremendous contributions of retired and active members of the Canadian Forces," said Andrew Mann, President & COO, Canada Place.

"These artists, all volunteers, help usher in a new era of Canadian military art," said John MacFarlane, Director of the Canadian Artists Program. "It provides a diverse range of opportunities to support the independent, creative work of professional Canadian artists who wish to contribute to the history of the Canadian Forces."

"It was a privilege to participate in CFAP and see the professionalism and dedication of Canadian servicemen and servicewomen," says program participant and retired member of the Canadian Forces John Horton. "Today's Canadian military personnel and military artists are all walking in the shadows of those who went before them, brave men and women who protected our country and the artists that entered the line of fire to document war including artists from Canada's famed Group of Seven."

The artists featured in *11 Artists for 11/11* are:

Michael Markowsky British Columbia	Allen Ball Alberta	Scott Waters Ontario
Jacques Hamel Quebec	John Horton British Columbia	William MacDonnell Alberta
Ardell Bourgeois British Columbia	Sylvia Pecota Ontario	Mark Richfield British Columbia
Zeqirja Rexhepi Nova Scotia	Douglas Bradford Ontario	

11 artists for 11/11 will be in rotation on *Canada's Storyboard* at Canada Place in Vancouver, BC daily from 5 am to 12 pm from November 1st to November 30th 2012. Those who can't make it to Canada Place can see documentation of the exhibition at: www.canadaplace.ca.

About Canada Place Corporation

Located in the heart of Vancouver's downtown harbour front, Canada Place is the inspiring national landmark welcoming local residents, visitors and cruise ships to the West Coast. Canada Place Corporation is the owner of Canada Place and coordinating landlord for the Pan Pacific Hotel, Port Metro Vancouver corporate offices and Cruise Ship Terminal, World Trade Centre Office Complex, Vinci Parkade and Vancouver Convention Centre East. Canada Place Corporation hosts a number of annual marquee events including the award winning Canada Day at Canada Place. The newest attraction is the War of 1812 Experience, which opened in June 2012 with support from the Department of Canadian Heritage. Visit www.canadaplace.ca.

About Digital Canvas

Digital Canvas is a series of cultural exhibitions on Canada's Storyboard at Canada Place. Canadian and international visitors to Canada Place are presented with photography and art from professional artists and everyday Canadians. To date there have been three Digital Canvas exhibitions: *11 Artists for 11/11 - Canada Place Remembers*, *CanadaGram - Canada Through the Lens of Canadians on Instagram* and *This is East Van - Photographs of Vancouver's Downtown East Side*. For more information on *Digital Canvas* visit http://www.canadaplace.ca/At_Canada_Place/Attractions/Canadas_Storyboard

**About the Canadian Forces Artists Program, Directorate of History and Heritage,
Department of National Defence**

It is the aim of the CFAP to allow artists from across Canada, working in various media, to capture the daily operations, personnel and spirit of the Canadian Forces.

<http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/gal/ap-pa/index-eng.asp>

L'objectif premier du programme est de permettre à des artistes canadiens de «saisir», sous diverses formes, les opérations quotidiennes, le personnel et l'esprit qui règnent au sein des Forces armées canadiennes. <http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhh-dhp/gal/ap-pa/index-fra.asp>

For more information about the CFAP or the application process, please contact Canadian Forces Artists Program (CFAP), Dr. John MacFarlane (613-998-7052).

Pour obtenir les lignes directrices du PAFC ou un formulaire d'inscription, veuillez communiquer avec le Programme d'arts des Forces canadiennes (PAFC), M. John MacFarlane (613-998-7052).

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