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Whyte Winter Wonderland
featuring MOUNTAINS IN WINTER by Takao Tanabe
November 21, 2009 – January 31, 2010

Banff, Alberta – Winter is a way of life in the Canadian Rockies, and the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies celebrates the beauty of the season with its new exhibition, ***Whyte Winter Wonderland*** featuring ***MOUNTAINS IN WINTER*** by Takao Tanabe.

The exhibition features 14 new watercolour works by Takao Tanabe; images that capture the feel of winter in the Canadian Rockies. Tanabe spent several winters teaching at The Banff Centre in the 1970s and 80s. It was a later artists' residency there, funded by a Fleck Fellowship, that inspired these winter artworks.

As a response to this selection, we have included watercolour paintings and prints by other artists from the Whyte Museum's collection who have also celebrated winter in their work.

Winter sports and recreation, including skiing, snowshoeing, and skating are physical celebrations of winter in the Rockies. Ever since cameras came to the Rockies, photographers have captured the enjoyment of outdoor activities.

Skoki Lodge was one of the earliest backcountry lodges that provided access to great ski slopes before ski lifts were invented. From 1931 to 1933, Peter and Catharine Whyte ran Skoki Lodge and portrayed the spirit of winter there through photographs and paintings.

Christmas is a major celebration for many people who live here because we can always rely on a white Christmas. At one time, everyone sent Christmas cards and Peter and Catharine Whyte were no exception. Their cards were artworks by Peter and Catharine's Christmas letters added an annual glimpse into their lives here.

Whyte Winter Wonderland, featuring Mountains in Winter by Takao Tanabe, is an eclectic celebration of winter in the Canadian Rockies.

Exhibition-Related Events

Artist's Talk with Takao Tanabe

Saturday, November 21, 2009, 2 PM

Join artist Takao Tanabe, one of Canada's leading painters and printmakers, as he discusses his work featured in the *Whyte Winter Wonderland* exhibit. This presentation is sponsored by:



Opening Reception

Saturday, November 21, 2009, 7 to 9 PM

A Whyte Christmas

Saturday, December 12, 1 – 4 PM, FREE

Ring in the holiday season with carols, crafts, cookies, and hot chocolate. Bring the whole family for this celebration of the festive season!

About the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies welcomes those who are drawn to the power and inspiration of these mountains. We are the gateway for experiencing and enjoying its art, culture and history in order to inspire and cultivate knowledge and the exchange of ideas. Visitors from near and far experience the Museum's galleries, programs, archives and library, heritage homes, museum shop, guided walks, tours and special events.

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