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THE GROUP OF SEVEN AT THE WHYTE

The Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies feature exhibition, *The Group of Seven to Takao Tanabe... Inspiring Landscape*, will dazzle art lovers from around the world. This exhibition celebrates the 75th anniversary of The Banff Centre and the amazing works of the iconic Group of Seven and the painters they inspired.

Many great Canadian landscape artists taught at the Banff School of Fine Arts, now The Banff Centre, from the 1930s to the 1980s. From A. Y. Jackson to Takao Tanabe, all of the artists who taught there were inspired by the Rocky Mountains and the great plains of Alberta. They, in turn, inspired the work of their students, contemporaries, and followers.

This exhibition presents the work of artists who taught landscape art in Banff, beginning with a member of the Group of Seven and culminating with Takao Tanabe, but also including examples from other long-serving instructors such as A. C. Leighton, Walter J. Phillips, and H. G. Glyde. Some came only briefly, but others spent a major part of their careers at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

As much as possible, works have been drawn from the collection of the Whyte Museum of the Canadian Rockies, but we also thank the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, the Art Gallery of Alberta, The Banff Centre's Walter Phillips Gallery, Glenbow Museum, Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery of the University of British Columbia, Government House Foundation Collection and the McMichael Canadian Art Collection for their support of *The Group of Seven to Takao Tanabe... Inspiring Landscape*.

A free cell phone audio tour will be available.

The Group of Seven to Takao Tanabe... Inspiring Landscape

May 24 – October 13, 2008

Main Gallery

Opening Reception: May 24th from 7-9 PM

Takao Tanabe in attendance

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