ART ACQUISITION BY APPLICATION PURCHASE PROGRAM APRIL 1, 2015 GENERAL JURY COMMENTS

Comments made by the Jury during its assessment of the applications submitted to the April 1, 2015 Art Acquisition by Application Purchase program include:

- 1. The jury would like to thank the artists for participating in the program. By submitting to the program, artists contribute to the continuing development of Alberta's cultural legacy. Every submission, whether successful or not, makes a valuable contribution to the selection process, demonstrates the health of the program and assists with future planning for the collection.
- 2. In some cases, the digital images did not accurately reflect the physical artwork.
- One of the important criteria for the selection process was to diversify the AFA Collection's holdings and to expand on the AFA's Curatorial Plan and to that end; some artworks were not selected because they do not fit the selection criteria.
- 4. At times, it was felt that artworks were transitional within an artist's practice and that future artworks may better reflect the direction undertaken.
- 5. Artists are required to submit artwork composed of archival materials only. In some cases, the artwork was excluded due to the ephemeral materials used. Do not submit artwork that is damaged or has an inherent vice.
- 6. In some cases, several similar artworks were submitted by an artist and the stronger artworks were recommended.
- 7. The Expert Panel assessed the artworks in terms of specific criteria followed by a holistic assessment.