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Rotary Centre for the Arts Fall Art Exhibitions Include Work by Okanagan Artists Cecilia Johnstone, The Thursday Group, and Jonjo Nally

(Kelowna, BC) - The Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA) continues its fall art exhibitions with new work by several Okanagan artists. The public is invited to view these free community exhibitions.

Water As Life features paintings by Cecilia Johnstone, a West Kelowna and Vancouver-based artist who explores themes of water, permanence, and change in her work. *Captured Moments* features the work of Okanagan-based photographers, The Thursday Group. Their nature photography explores the beauty of nature, from rivers and forest floors to birds and open landscapes. Kelowna-based carver and sculptor Jonjo Nally will also be showing wooden sculptures in the Atrium display cases. His sculptures pay tribute to both the natural and supernatural world.

Community and Educational Programming Specialist, Andrew Stauffer, says, "We're excited to feature these diverse and compelling works, each of which explores the natural world in some way." These original art pieces are all for sale, with proceeds supporting the Rotary Centre for the Arts.

Cecilia Johnstone – *Water As Life*: November 1, 2021 – February 1, 2022

The Thursday Group – *Captured Moments*: September 23, 2021 – January 10, 2022

Jonjo Nally – November 1, 2021 – January 10, 2022

Cecilia Johnstone - *Water As Life*

The paintings that comprise this exhibition were completed over the last four years, through a period of enormous change and personal loss. This sense of change and movement is reflected in the themes of water and light running through Johnstone's work. Each painting is a meditation on the relative permanence of the physical world as well as the fleeting brilliance and beauty of an individual life. Always a creator, Johnstone's artistic practice has evolved from childhood sketches of birds and flowers to developed landscapes, cityscapes, and portraits. She is primarily self-taught, and she has taken classes at the Ontario College of Art and Design as well as Emily Carr. She is currently based in West Kelowna and Vancouver.

The Thursday Group - *Captured Moments*

The Thursday Group is a small group of friends brought together in 2013 by their shared passion for creating photographic art. They meet on Thursdays at a local coffee shop to compare notes, share ideas and techniques, and plan photography field trips. While photography is their unifying interest, their finished images are created using a variety of camera and digital dark room techniques to express their unique, individual visions. The diversity of their visions illustrate the breadth of subject matter and photographic styles represented within this small group. The Thursday Group is composed of Dave Currier, Stu Dale, Martin Marchyshyn, Ronald Mullins, Ron Peace, and Tony Roberts.

Jonjo Nally

Jonjo Nally is a sculptor and prop-maker born in the UK and raised in Canada. Since childhood, he has been inspired by artists ranging from Robert Bateman to Jim Henson and has spent years creating characters and settings from stories and the world around him. Jonjo moved to the Okanagan in 2016 with the plan to explore a path in chainsaw carving, and he hasn't looked back. Jonjo's work is a blend of the natural world and the stories we create around it. His current work is simply an exercise in the beauty of form and nature, with wanderings into the daydreams of things that our imaginations tell us live just out of sight.

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About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA continually strives to improve the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. As a world-class venue celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines, the Rotary Centre for the Arts is a unique City of Kelowna facility in which individuals of all ages and backgrounds come together to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx (Okanagan) people.