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Annual Emerging Talent Exhibition opens January 22 Grade 12 art students show their stuff

COQUITLAM – In partnership with School District 43, the Art Gallery at Evergreen will showcase the 13th annual **Emerging Talent** exhibition from **January 22 to March 13, 2010**.

What began as just a one-off, many, many years ago has evolved into one of Evergreen's most popular exhibitions – both in public attendance and interest from teachers who bring their classes in for a tour and studio workshop. Last year, over 300 people showed up at the opening and over the course of four weeks, twenty-five school groups toured the exhibit.

Emerging Talent XIII kicks off this month with the usual judicial process as Studio B transforms into a temporary art gallery storage unit. Students will be dropping off artworks this Wed Jan 13 and Thurs Jan 14. Then, three jury members will sequester themselves in the studio in order to review and select the works that will go in the exhibition.

The jurors, Eunice Hodge, Jerry Pietrasko and Keith Rice-Jones are retired secondary art teachers from School District 43. Jerry Pietrasko is a practicing artist. He and Sarah Dobbs (Evergreen's Visual Arts Manager at the time) were responsible for initiating the first Emerging Talent exhibition in 1996. Eunice Hodge was formerly a photography teacher and is also a practicing artist. Eunice's photographic work was recently displayed as part of a group show about Africa at Leigh Square in Port Coquitlam. Keith Rice-Jones is a ceramic artist and owns the Wildrice Studio in Burnaby. Keith's work is internationally known (he has been an artist-in-residence abroad several times) and he teaches classes at SFU from time to time.

Secondary schools participating this year are: Centennial, Dr. Charles Best, Gleneagle, Heritage Woods, Port Moody and Riverside. Eligible students must be in grade 12, provide a letter of reference from their art teacher and be committed to continuing their art education at a post secondary institution.

Emerging Talent is an exhibit that continues to impress, amaze and sometimes shock the viewer. This year will be no exception as we look inside the psyche of our freshest crop of emerging artists.

The show previews Jan. 21 from 4 – 6pm and opens Jan 22. The official opening reception takes place Sunday, Jan 24 from 4 – 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Visit www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca for updated information, artists' bios and more. To view the show, Art Gallery hours are Mon – Sat, noon to 5pm. Info: 604.927.6550.

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