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## **Richmond Art Gallery named one of best in Canada**

**Richmond** - During the 17 days of 2010 Olympic Winter Games, over 10,500 people visited the Richmond Art Gallery's contribution to the Cultural Olympiad—Arthur Renwick, *Mask*. Although the Games are over, the recognition for the gallery continues. The Richmond Art Gallery has been identified as one of the best small galleries in Canada in a survey of Canadian museum and gallery professionals by the international museum planning and consultation firm Lord Cultural Resources.

“To be recognized not only by this prestigious organization but also by galleries from across Canada is a huge honour,” says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. “We are proud of the depth of work and quality of exhibitions at the gallery.”

In collaboration with the Prairie Art Gallery in Alberta, Lord Cultural Resources is currently conducting a review of best practices in selected international art institutions. In the first phases of the study, Lord Cultural Resources interviewed leaders in international museum and gallery communities to create a literature review of art gallery standards.

It was during this interview process the Richmond Art Gallery was cited as a model of best practice. As a result, the gallery was short listed for closer analysis. Future phases of the study involve the development of individual case studies, based on interviews with the participating institutions. These case studies may then be incorporated as best practice models in an implementation manual for the Prairie Art Gallery.

“We are pleased to have been a part of this study,” explains Richmond Art Gallery Board President, John Richardson. “The sharing of information helps improve the arts community.”

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