

Michael Bednar: *The Fraser, Living River*

April 9 - June 25, 2017

Richmond Art Gallery in partnership with the Richmond Public Art Program commissions a new major public work by acclaimed BC documentary photographer Michael Bednar for the Capture Photography Festival.

Note to editors: Artist is available for interviews

Over the past year Michael Bednar has developed a new body of work comprising views of the entire length of the Fraser River exploring its historical and ecological significance. The river, which runs from the

Continental Divide to its termination in Richmond, is the longest in British Columbia and flows through 11 of the 14 biogeoclimatic zones in the province. Mounted on the art gallery's windows facing Minoru Boulevard Bednar's new large scale six panel photo montage, *The Fraser, Living River* depicts the local context of the river.

Central to the project is Bednar's framing of the Fraser as a working river; his complete series highlights the river's history as well as the subsequent development of river-dependent industries such as logging, shipping, fishing, and tourism. This new work by Bednar focuses specifically on the Fraser within the City of Richmond, demonstrating its significance in numerous local industries whose operations line its banks.

Michael Bednar is an award-winning travel and documentary photographer recognized internationally for his work exploring the intersections of humans and the environment. Bednar studied and worked in forestry, fisheries and wildlife prior to becoming a photographer. His work has appeared in numerous publications including *Asian Geographic*, *Geo Magazine* and *British Columbia Magazine*.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Artist Talk with Michael Bednar at *Art About Finn Slough*: Friday, April 7, 7pm, Richmond Cultural Centre Performance Hall.

Other Capture Festival programs in Richmond: Richmond Public Art Program presents *Growing and Rising, Part 1* a series of public installations at the No. 3 Art Columns with new works by artists Annie Briard, Michael Love, and Paulo Majano. For details visit: www.richmond.ca/culture/publicart/

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