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Federation Gallery Announces Art Exhibition to Support David Suzuki Foundation *Canadian Artists Encourage a Green Recovery after COVID*

- 60 painters in the *Crisis Exhibition* urge the government to commit to nature conservation in Canada's post-emergency recovery from COVID
- Crisis speaks to the joy Canadians found in nature during the pandemic
- David Suzuki Foundation will receive all visitor donations given to the gallery from October 5th - 18th to support the fight for ecological protection

Vancouver - Federation Gallery joins the fight alongside the David Suzuki Foundation (DSF), urging the government to commit to nature conservation as we plan for Canada's post-emergency recovery from COVID-19. The exhibition entitled "Crisis" illuminates the solace Canadians have felt through nature during our quarantines, and the profound positive effects of the outdoors during this pandemic.

In a June 2020 news release, the DSF's Director General for Western Canada, Jay Ritchlin, captures the sentiment of the exhibition in saying, "[the] pandemic already shed light on the consequences of our disconnect with nature. If Canada fails to act now, the biodiversity and climate crises will continue to spiral out of control..."

Helen Duckworth, Gallery Coordinator for the Federation of Canadian Artists, reflects on the emotional landscape of our country when developing this exhibition, "Artists are being asked to submit artwork that directly tackles the problematic and sometimes uncomfortable truths that our current behaviours and sometimes inaction, have caused."

"Crisis" exhibits the perspective of sixty juried artists at the Federation Gallery from October 5th - 18th at 1241 Cartwright Street, Vancouver. The Federation Gallery is the permanent exhibition space for members of the Federation of Canadian Artists, founded in 1941 by members of the *Group of Seven*. Today 3,000 members work as students and mentors building extensive exhibitions, workshops and lectures to support emerging and established artists.

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