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Artists Rebecca Bayer and David Gregory Invite Residents to Get Involved in Creating the New Mosaic Public Artwork for the Leisure Centre

Maple Ridge, BC: The City of Maple Ridge and the Maple Ridge Public Art Steering Committee are pleased to announce that artists Rebecca Bayer and David Gregory have been selected for the Leisure Centre public art project. They will design and install a series of new community mosaics made from custom triangular ceramic tiles for the main gathering space, the welcome reception area and a feature wall on the pool deck at the Leisure Centre. The installation will be unveiled when the Leisure Centre renovations are complete in 2019. This artwork explores the interconnections between people and places and is an expression of the idea that “the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.”

Get Involved - Inspire Colours and Patterns for the New Mosaics!

Engagement with local residents is an integral component of this project. The artists are inviting local residents and visitors to participate in the creative process by inspiring the colours and patterns for this new public artwork. Rebecca and David invite you to share your colourful Maple Ridge landscape photos via Instagram with the hashtag **#mapleridgecommunitymosaic**. Custom tile colours for the new mosaic will be chosen to represent the beautiful colours of the Maple Ridge landscape. Additional engagement activities such as a pattern-making workshop will take place in the fall. Follow the project on Facebook for the latest news and updates including workshop schedules, project updates and photo galleries at facebook.com/MapleRidgeCommunityMosaic.

The goal of the Maple Ridge Public Art Program is to strengthen community identity and culture by developing the ‘spirit of place’ through the commissioning, collecting and incorporation of unique works of art.

Additional information can be found on the City's website. For further questions, please contact Yvonne Chui, Recreation Manager Arts & Community Connections by email at yvonne.chui@mapleridge.ca or by phone at 604-467-7415.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In 2013 Rebecca and David founded their Vancouver-based art and design studio, 'spacemakeplace,' which creates site specific and community-focused art works. Recent projects include works for the City of Richmond, Edmonton Arts Council, Burrard Arts Foundation, Toronto Transit Commission, Access Gallery, 221A Gallery, City of North Vancouver and City of New Westminster.

Rebecca Bayer is an artist and architectural designer, born in Halifax, NS. She holds a Master of Architecture from the University of British Columbia (Vancouver, BC), an MA Fine Art from Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design (London, UK), and is an instructor at Emily Carr University of Art and Design. David Gregory is an artist and photographer, born in Auckland, New Zealand. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emily Carr University of Art and Design.



NEW PUBLIC ART

Artists Rebecca Bayer and David Gregory of spacemakeplace were selected for the Leisure Centre Public Art Project to design and install the new community custom glass tile mosaics for the meeting/gathering space area outside the change rooms, reception area and feature wall of the pool deck. Their artwork explores the relationship between people and place. For the proposed Leisure Centre Community Mosaic they will engage residents through a series of fun public workshops in the fall to gather geometric patterns which will be the inspiration to create a site specific tile mosaic.

The final artwork will express the idea that "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." The installation will be timed with the Leisure Centre construction schedule and unveiled when the renovations are complete.

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Sample pattern from previous projects.