### ART CANADA INSTITUTE INSTITUT DE L'ART CANADIEN

### EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## WISHING YOU A HOLIDAY SEASON **FULL OF WARMTH AND CHEER**

In our final newsletter of the year, we're wishing educators a safe and happy holiday season and presenting the materials for our 2025 Student Challenge!



William Kurelek, Skating on the Bog Ditch, approximately 33.7 x 33.7 cm, private collection.

As 2024 comes to a close, we're taking time to reflect on the wonderful community of educators who have shared in our mutual love of art and learning. With a look ahead to cozier days, we invite you to take in this snowy scene by Alberta-born artist William Kurelek (1927-1977), who was known for his many works depicting winters on the prairies. Kurelek captures the nostalgic feelings of the winter break, bringing to mind rosy cheeks, snow suits, and hot chocolates by the fire. We hope that your holiday season is filled with picturesque moments such as these, and that you have a joyful and restorative break. We look forward to sharing more Canadian art connections in 2025!

- The Art Canada Institute Education Team

## The 2025 Canadian Art **Inspiration Student Challenge**



We are eagerly anticipating our upcoming Student Challenge, as it is always such a joy to witness the creativity and talent of Canada's young artists. We've made the challenge materials available early this year so that you can introduce our new activity prompts to your students before the holidays or look ahead at your curriculum plans for the new year.

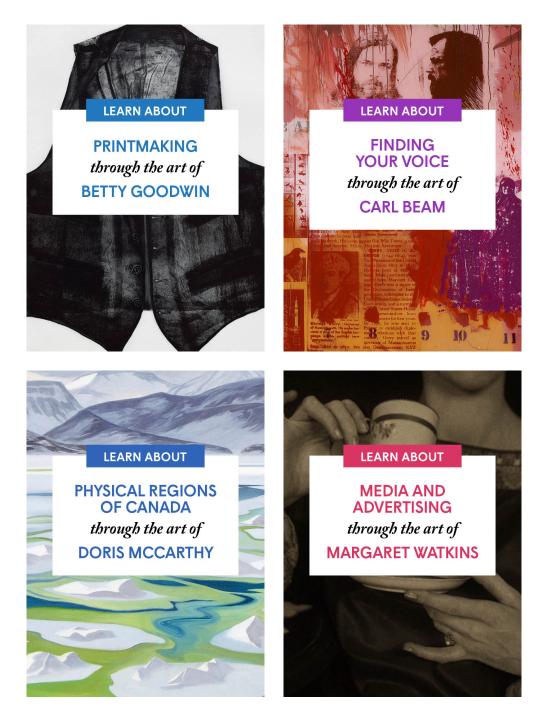
> 2025 Challenge Submission Window: January 8, 2025 – March 21, 2025

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about how you can get your class involved in the Student Challenge!

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

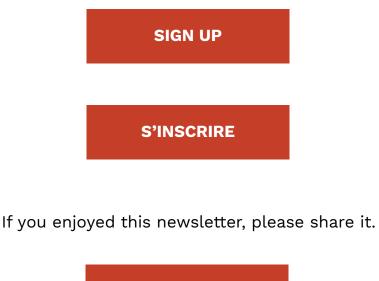
Highlights from our 2024 **Teacher Resource** 

# **Guide Releases**



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We are creating a central digital resource to tell the world about Canada's most important works of art and where they are located. By functioning as an online art museum, a digital library, and an interactive Canadian art encyclopedia, the ACI is an indispensable resource on Canada's visual heritage.

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