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Dunlop Art Gallery celebrates Indigenous History Month with New Acquisitions

For Indigenous History Month, Regina Public Library and Dunlop Art Gallery are proud to announce the acquisition of works by Indigenous artist Jaime Black for RPL's Permanent Collection.

These works are part of Jaime Black's installation project REDress, which responds to the more than 1000 missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. These three photographs, titled *REDress I*, *REDress II*, and *Resilience*, will be installed June 2021 at the Albert Branch in the māmawêyatitân centre.

REDress has been installed in public spaces throughout Canada and the United States as a visual reminder of the staggering number of women who are no longer with us. Through her work, Black draws attention to the gendered and racialized nature of violent crimes against Indigenous women and to evoke a presence through the marking of absence.

Jaime Black is a Winnipeg-based multidisciplinary artist of mixed Anishinaabe and European descent. Black's art practice engages in themes of memory, identity, place and resistance and is grounded in an understanding of the body and the land as sources of cultural and spiritual knowledge.

On June 1, Jaime Black and Dunlop Art Gallery will host an online artist talk where Black speaks about her art practice and her installation project. The event can be viewed on Dunlop Art Gallery's Facebook page and YouTube channel (@dunlopartgallery).

"This acquisition represents the Regina Public Library's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by bringing deeper awareness to the many missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada and across Turtle Island" explains Wendy Peart, Curator of Education and Community Outreach at Dunlop Art Gallery. "Through art, we can strengthen our relationships by building empathy and understanding between communities."

For more information on this and other Dunlop Art Gallery exhibitions, please visit reginalibrary.ca/dunlopartgallery

For the full list of RPL's National Indigenous History Month resources and programs, please visit reginalibrary.ca/services/reconciliation

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