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## Artist celebrates aging and the power of lived experience

Preeminent artist Leesa Streifler continues to defy stereotypes of feminine beauty in exhibition *She is Present* at Dunlop Art Gallery.

In her signature expressive painting style, Streifler fills the gallery walls with large, powerful works that challenge our perceptions about youth and beauty. This exhibition, dedicated to Streifler's mother, echoes similar themes to her 1998 Dunlop Art Gallery exhibition *Normal*, subtly showcasing how these societal norms have persisted.

"Leesa Streifler is an esteemed regional artist and teacher," said Wendy Peart, Curator of Education and Community Outreach, Dunlop Art Gallery. "We are delighted to connect our audiences with someone who has had such an immeasurable impact on Regina's community."

Leesa Streifler is a renowned artist and former University of Regina professor of over 30 years. She received a BFA at the University of Manitoba and an MFA from Hunter College in New York, and has exhibited widely in Canada and internationally.

**The free opening reception on Saturday, June 29, 12:00pm at Dunlop Art Gallery (Central Library) includes a conversation between Leesa Streifler and guest curator, Wayne Baerwaldt, and a performance by Anastasia Evsigeeva.**

The exhibition runs until September 11 at Dunlop Art Gallery (Central Library) in partnership with Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery. Admission is free.

For more information on [She is Present](#) or Dunlop Art Gallery's programs and exhibitions, visit [reginalibrary.ca/dunlopartgallery](https://reginalibrary.ca/dunlopartgallery).

Attached image: Leesa Streifler, *She Once Was*, mixed media on polypropylene, 2024.

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