

## Media Release

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## Dunlop Art Gallery public art project *Roadside Attractions* wins a Museum Association of Saskatchewan Award of Merit.

Roadside Attractions, a public art project organized by Dunlop Art Gallery in partnership with nine other Saskatchewan galleries, was presented with a 2019 Museum Association of Saskatchewan (MAS) Award of Merit.

Roadside Attractions, which ran in July and August 2018, featured original work by 21 artists in a variety of media. The artwork was on display in 16 locations across the province. While some pieces were exhibited in art galleries, museums, and public libraries, most of the artwork was positioned out of doors, along a scenic route through the province.

From a larger-than-life rearview mirror reflecting important historical moments, to replicas of historic buildings in LEGO, and one gigantic ice-cream cone, each piece of artwork invited reflection on Saskatchewan's faceted history, geography, and culture.

"It is an honour to be recognized by our peer museums in Saskatchewan. *Roadside Attractions* was an ambitious project and it couldn't have happened without the work of participating artists and partners," said Jennifer Matotek, Director/Curator of Dunlop Art Gallery. "It provided an opportunity for citizens across Saskatchewan to experience and engage with innovative contemporary art works. It was wonderful to see pieces positioned in communities that do not typically have access to contemporary art."

MAS Awards of Merit recognize organizations that offer original exhibitions, show success in community engagement, and promote inclusivity. These organizations must also work to preserve and make accessible the tangible and intangible cultural heritage of Saskatchewan.

More information can be found at <u>skroadsideattractions.com</u>. A catalogue documenting *Roadside Attractions* will also be available for purchase at Dunlop Art Gallery in the summer of 2019.

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