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Intersections: My World - My Community

First I must apologize for my absence at the ***Intersections: My World - My Community*** opening reception! I will be celebrating the opening/exhibition for all of you at from Mexico City rest assure! I would also like to say thanks to my co juror Marilyn Fernandez and to the Director/Curator of John B. Aird Gallery Carla Garnet.

It has been an honor to be one of the jury for the ***Intersections: My World - My Community*** group show at John B. Aird Gallery, which had always open its doors to the diversity and critical issues that contemporary artists tackle in our now global, diasporic, understandings of what constructs a community and its landscape. This show talks about important issues on marginalized bodies and as such we were very careful in the artists selected within the show. The selected artists comes from many diverse backgrounds of struggles, from age groups, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, cultural identity, class, abilities and other dimensions of discrimination, marginalization and stigma.

I would like to congratulate the following 30 artists chosen to be part of this show, from the diverse range of practices of the visual language that critically reflects the issues of ***Intersections*** and question the idea of belonging. These chosen artists are an amalgamation of up and coming artist to mid career artist that had given the paths for young artists now with the topics of diversity and identity, molding the Canadian Landscapes in art today. It's been exciting to see these groupings of work and how they all communicate with each other, pass beyond diverse personal experiences. Reflecting on these selected works of **Art; Art** had truly become these artists **World and Community**, lending us a glimpse within the ***Intersections of Their World – Their Community***. So once again I would like to take the time to congratulate these chosen artists and their work that builds up this diverse critical show!"

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