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Glass Artist Tyler Rock Illustrates Prairie Excellence

Black Diamond, AB - - Combining the best of fine craft from across Canada's prairie provinces, Prairie Excellence is a unique exhibition featuring the work of artists who live and breathe their art in the prairies. Local glass artist Tyler Rock is a participant in this exceptional event. His work is representational not only of Alberta, but the best in Canada.

Prairie Excellence opens at the Alberta Craft Council Gallery in Edmonton on October 2, 2010. This exhibition was jointly organized by the Alberta, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan Craft Councils. Featuring the work of 36 artists – 12 from each province – the exhibit is an examination of the present and future of contemporary fine craft in the prairies.

As one of Canada's premier glass artists, Tyler Rock's current work is derived through examining events that shaped the history of the prairies. His series, "*The Almighty Voice*", is an exploration of diverging viewpoints of the Riel Rebellion. This body of work deals specifically with the final insurgent uprising of the Rebellion, and serves as both a narrative exploration of the event, as well as an examination of the role of craft objects as cultural artifacts.

Through his career spanning more than 15 years, Tyler Rock has gained recognition both at home in Alberta as well as across Canada and the United States. His work can be found in multiple private, corporate and public collections across the country, including the private collection of the Premier of Alberta, the offices of the Prime Minister in Ottawa and the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Prairie Excellence will be at the Alberta Craft Council Gallery in Edmonton from October 2, 2010 to December 18, 2010. From there, the exhibition moves to the Saskatchewan Craft Council's Affinity Gallery in early 2011, before moving on to Manitoba, as well as other Canadian and international locations.

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