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### Quinte Arts Council celebrates artists on International Women's Day

Belleville, Ontario, March 8, 2022 - The Quinte Arts Council is celebrating their grand re-opening on International Women's Day with their first post-pandemic show **RISE: Because We are Equal 2022**. This QAC show celebrates the voices and aesthetics of women artists and will run March 8 – 31, 2022 at the Quinte Arts Council Gallery space.

The Gallery opening kicked off on Tuesday, with a ribbon cutting followed by a poetry performance by Abena Beloved Green and remarks from Belleville Mayor Mitch Panciuk.

International Women's Day (March 8th), is a global day honouring and celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women all over the world. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

"As an umbrella organization that represents the collective interests of our artist members and member groups with the mandate to elevate the arts community as a whole, our goal is to offer this space as a beautiful gallery, vibrant workshop and performance hub for artists of all disciplines -- a creative place to accommodate a wide range of arts programming and educational activities for residents and visitors of the Quinte region," said Janet Jarrell, Executive Director, Quinte Arts Council. "Quinte Arts Council is excited and honoured to feature and empower so many artists as part of this important and beautiful show."

Local artists featured at the QAC for the month of March are Maria Moreno, Ilse Nel-Landers, Sarah Winn, Lola Reid Allin, Briana Godden, Barbara Hogenauer, Lise Lindenberg, Melissa Brant, Adey Singer, Sabrina Jovic, Shani Doucet, Adey Winters and Ella Wagner.

The new QAC Gallery and Offices was designed by Krista Ross with support from the Parrott Foundation, the Ontario Arts Council, Arts Response Initiative and the City of Belleville.

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